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VANGUARD OF GERMAN FORCES NOW NEAR GREEK BORDER: MOVE BY THE TURKISH FLEET

THE VANGUARD OF THE NAZI FORCES WHICH HAVE PASSED THROUGH BULGARIA IS NOW NEAR THE GREEK BORDER, STATED A MESSAGE FROM SYDNEY YESTERDAY.

AT THREE POINTS ON THE DANUBE, THE GERMAN FORCES AND MECHANISED TROOPS ARE POURING INTO BULGARIA, WENT ON THE MESSAGE, BUT THE INDICATIONS AT PRESENT ARE THAT THE GERMANS IN THEIR SWEEP TOWARDS GREECE WILL TRY TO KEEP CLEAR OF INVOLVING TURKISH INTERESTS.

In the meantime, the most significant move in the Balkans crisis, from the British point of view, is the closing of the Dardanelles by Turkey and the report that the Turkish Fleet has sailed for the Straits.

THIS IS REGARDED AS TURKEY'S FIRST STEP TO CARRY OUT THE ANGLO-TURKISH POLICY WHICH WAS DECIDED AT THE RECENT TALKS IN ANKARA BETWEEN MR. ANTHONY EDEN AND GENERAL SIR JOHN DILL WITH THE TURKISH AUTHORITIES.

M. SARAJOLU, the Turkish Foreign Minister, declared yesterday: "Turkey will fight if Greece is attacked by the Nazis."—(Special)

Importance Of Eden's Visit To Athens

All Greek newspapers yesterday morning emphasised the importance of the visit of Mr. Eden, British Foreign Secretary, and General Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, in Athens, states a London message.

One leading newspaper wrote: "THROUGH MR. EDEN AND GENERAL DILL WE WISH TO CONVEY OUR CONFIDENCE IN FINAL VICTORY FOR THE ALLIES. NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE IS POSSIBLE BUT TO LIVE OR DIE."

Mr. Eden and Gen. Dill are accompanied by AIR MARSHAL ELMHURST and BRIG. MALABY.

The Foreign Secretary was to have lunch with the Greek Prime Minister yesterday and

on Sunday night he was received in audience by King George of the Hellenes.

Meanwhile, the German occupation of Bulgaria has left Turkey calm and unshaken. Turkish warships are standing by in the Dardanelles and Bosphorus.

It is also reported, the London message adds, that two troop trains with Nazi soldiers have left for the Turkish frontier but the main movement of troops appears to be towards Greece. Most of the

LATEST GERMAN MOVES IN THE BALKANS



MATSUOKA REBUKED BY VON RIBBENTROP

Commenting on the exchange of greetings between Herr Hitler and MR. MATSUOKA, THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER, on the adherence of Bulgaria to the Axis Pact, when only a few short days ago Mr. Matsuoka sent Mr. Eden a message saying that Japan was prepared to mediate in the present war, a report from Sydney yesterday revealed that Mr. Matsuoka was rebuked by HERR VON RIBBENTROP for having made such an offer.

Mr. Matsuoka was reported to have replied reminding the Nazi Foreign Minister of what had happened to Italy when she entered the war on the German side.

The message also disclosed that the Nazi Foreign Minister charged Mr. Matsuoka with having tried to tranquillise the Anglo-Saxon world by stating that Japan wished to keep out of the war and that Herr von Ribbentrop further stigmatised Mr. Matsuoka by declaring that he had a cringing heart through fear of Britain and the possession of a strong Bolshevik psychosis.

Mr. Matsuoka is stated to have declared in answer to these charges that he was convinced that if the war was not ended soon, Soviet Russia would be the sole victor, leaving Japan doomed.

Mr. Matsuoka is further reported to have said that Germany would be well advised not to allow the war to spread so far and that she would profit most if Japan remained non-belligerent.

Mr. Matsuoka concluded by saying that Germany had certainly not cause for satisfaction at the consequences of putting pressure on Italy to come into the war.—(Special)

MATSUOKA SEES EMPEROR

Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, was received by the Emperor of Japan yesterday afternoon when he reported the Imperial Majesty on the latest developments in the diplomatic negotiations, states a London message.—(Special)

FRANCE SEEKS MODIFICATIONS OF MINOR NATURE IN THAILAND DISPUTE Territory In Cambodia To Be Ceded?

Since the French Ambassador in Tokyo has informed the Japanese Government of the French attitude towards the proposals for settlement of the dispute between Thailand and French Indo-China no information has been received in Vichy concerning the way the Japanese received the reply, states a Saigon message.

From London it is reported that the absence of an official announcement is taken to indicate that France has asked for conditions or modifications of a minor nature which could be the subject of negotiation.

It is reported also that Indo-China must cede two separate areas to Thailand, one, part of Laos province in northern Indo-China and lying west of the Mekong River and the other a wedge-shaped strip running from the narrow end of the Gulf of Siam to the Mekong River at its wide end. The latter would include territory in Cambodia.

ANTI-BRITISH

The Japanese Press again displayed an anti-British tendency during the latter part of the negotiations, and reports of a secret military alliance between Britain and China, which have been officially denied more than once, were reproduced.

These reports can have no object except to make mischief between Britain and Japan and Britain and Thailand. Japanese elements which foster these reports are considered in London to be merely playing the German game.

There is no relaxation in London of the determination to defend every inch of British territory in the Far East and practical steps to that end have been taken.—(Special)

AMICABLE CONCLUSION

TOKYO, Mar. 3 (Reuter)—A calm attitude regarding the Tokyo conference is being maintained by the Thai Government, and people who believe that it will be brought to an amicable conclusion, says a semi-official report from Bangkok.

Informed observers say that developments in the next few days will determine whether the conference will be successful.

French moves are being vigilantly watched. These quarters say that a crisis in the Tokyo talks will be averted by the French concession, but it is premature to jump at the conclusion that full agreement will be reached. Cont'd Page 7, Col. 1

Germany Has Total Air Strength Of 35,000

"So many different figures have been quoted about Germany's air strength, that it is doubtful whether anybody outside Germany has the remotest idea what it really is," said Mr. OLIVER STEWART, the B. B. C. air expert, when he was interviewed in London yesterday.

Asked how he could reconcile the figures of 35,000 and 5,000 credited to the German air force, Mr. Stewart said: "I think they are both right. I will put it in this way—Germany has a total air strength of 35,000 and a first line strength of 5,000."

Asked what he meant by first line strength, Mr. Stewart said that some people mistakenly put serviceable and unserviceable planes in first line strength. Actually they could assume that about one in seven formed Germany's first line strength. "You are sure you are not under-estimating?" asked the questioner.

"I don't think so," replied Mr. Stewart. "Assuming a total of 7,000 planes, one expects 1,000 to form the first line. It was less than 5,000 at the time of Dunkirk."

Mr. Stewart, in answer to a question about the value of dive-bombers and Stukas now, said: "Dive-bombers may be very troublesome in the Balkans and the Mediterranean. However, a first line strength of 5,000 is not low. It represents an enormous air force."—(Special)

U.S. FLEET STRENGTH IN 1946

Colonel Frank Knox, U.S. Secretary of the Navy, announced in Washington, according to a Saigon message, that in 1946 the United States Fleet will be the most powerful in the world.

The Fleet will comprise 32 heavy battleships, 18 aircraft-carriers, 91 battle cruisers (light and heavy), 361 destroyers and a large number of submarines, making a total of 690 fighting units compared with 322 at the present time. There will also be 15,000 planes by 1946.—(Special)

Italians Bomb 'Quake Rescue Workers

The Greeks are highly indignant over the bombing of Larissa, where rescue work following the earthquake on Sunday is still proceeding, by Italian planes, states a London message.

Casualties among rescue workers were caused and added to those already suffering. Greek newspapers stated that the world would judge for itself this unforgettable atrocity and this shocking crime by the Italians would be avenged.

Ten thousand people have lost their homes as a result of the earthquake, it is added.—(Special)

Rescue Of 194 British Seamen

How 194 British seamen, captured by a German raider in the Indian Ocean, were rescued by advance British forces in Libya is told in a London message.

For 28 days, the seamen, who were placed by the Germans on board a Yugoslav ship, had to sleep on a cargo of wet salt with a tarpaulin as their only covering. Their meals consisted of cocoa flour and bean soup and they suffered much hunger.

On arrival the "hell ship" was met by an Italian commander and the seamen were taken to a camp at Mogadishu where the insanitary conditions resulted in 97 of them being sent to hospital suffering from dysentery and other diseases. Three men died.

The German raider flew at various times, the British, Dutch and Japanese flags, and went under a Japanese name.—(Special)

DARLAN AGAIN FOR PARIS

BERLIN, Mar. 3 (Reuter)—Admiral Darlan, Vichy Vice-Premier, will make another journey to Paris for fresh talks with the Government, according to the German Press.—(Special)

Menzies On Far East Situation

MR. R. G. MENZIES, Prime Minister of Australia, speaking in London yesterday on the Far Eastern situation, declared that it was wrong to assume that a conflict with Japan was inevitable, states a London message.

He did not believe in the inevitability of conflict. That was why Australia had been seeking to secure diplomatic relations with Tokyo by an exchange of Ministers.

Australia wanted to get nearer to Japan. If all people would be frank and sensible and tolerant understanding could always be reached.

WHY ACTION TAKEN

"We have sent a large force to Singapore to make British power in the Far East safe," he said. "This action was only taken because the people of Australia were determined to see that nothing should jeopardise their interests."—(Special)

TRADE RELATIONS

The examination of trade relations between America and Australia and communications between the two countries was suggested yesterday by Mr. Clarence Gauss, the retiring U.S. Minister to Australia, who is now in Washington from where he will leave this week to take up his new position as U.S. Ambassador to China, relieving Mr. Nelson T. Johnson who takes Mr. Gauss' place in Australia.

Mr. Gauss said that he hoped the present moves of collaboration would bring closer understanding between all the democratic states.—(Special)

ATTACK ON NAZI SUPPLY SHIPS

LONDON, Mar. 3 (Reuter)—British Coastal Command aircraft attacked a convoy of German supply ships in the North Sea yesterday, one ship of about 2,000 tons being torpedoed amidst flames.

Other British bombers attacked the German seaplane base at List and German shipping off the Dutch coast.

The attacks on Brest on Sunday night made by a strong force of British bombers were successful, the Air Ministry announced.

Bombs were seen to straddle a cruiser of the Hipper class in dock here. The Hipper class is composed of four ships of 10,000 tons, each carrying eight 8-inch guns.

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Today's News Summary

TWO TRAINS WITH GERMAN troops are reported to be heading for the Greek border through Bulgaria. Meanwhile great importance is attached to the visit by the British Foreign Secretary and General Dill to Athens. Turkey remains calm and unshaken and the Dardanelles has been mined. A compulsory conscript labour corps is being raised in Bulgaria.

THE ABSENCE OF ANY OFFICIAL comment suggests that France may have asked for some conditions or modifications of a minor nature in the Japanese proposal for settlement of the dispute between Thailand and French Indo-China.

THE STORY IS NOW TOLD of the rescue of 194 British seamen who were captured by a German raider in the Indian Ocean. The raider is reported to have flown the British, Dutch and Japanese flags and to have sailed under a Japanese name.

THE RAID BY COASTAL Command aircraft on Brest on Sunday night is reported to be very successful by the Air Ministry.

ITALIAN PLANES BOMBED Larissa while rescue work was in progress following the earthquake on Sunday. Ten thousand are reported to be homeless.

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COMING EVENTS

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4—Tides: High 12.27 p.m. and 12.39 a.m. Low 6.23 a.m. and 7.37 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.42 a.m.; Sunset: 6.28 p.m.
Entries Close for Fanling Hunt and Race Club Meet at Kwantli: Entries for Race 3 close on March 11.
H.K. Rotary Club T.M. Meeting. 1 p.m.
Monthly Meeting of H.K. Referees' Assn., Hotel Cecil, 8 p.m.
Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.
English Assn. Meeting, Helena May, 5.30 p.m.
H.K. Teachers' Assn. Exhibition, St. Joseph's College Museum, 3.30 to 6.30 p.m.
5—Tides: High 1.02 p.m. and 1.35 a.m. Low 6.44 a.m. and 3.57 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.42 a.m.; Sunset: 6.28 p.m.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.
Group Discussion at St. Andrew's Church — "Man" (Dr. S. G. Kirkby-Gomes), 8.30 p.m.
Annual Meeting of D.B.S. Old Boys Assn., China Merchants Club, 3.15 p.m.
British Medical Assn. Annual Meeting, School of Anatomy, H.K. University, 9.15 p.m.
Cheero Club Dance, 8.30 p.m.
Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals Annual Fund Day, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 2 to 4 p.m.

THE FIRST BALLOONISTS

The first human being to ascend in a balloon was Jean Francois Pilatre de Rozier, a native of Metz, who was born in 1745 and died in 1799.
On the 15th October, 1783, Pilatre de Rozier made his ascent in a captive balloon.
On the 15th September, 1784, Vincent Lunardi introduced aeronautics into Great Britain.
The part of Vincent Lunardi is played by Laurence Olivier in London Films' epic, "Conquest of the Air," now showing at the Majestic Theatre.
Some months later, on 7th January, 1785, Jean Pierre Blanchard and Dr. J. Jeffries, an American physician, made the first balloon voyage across the English Channel.



FROM BARBER TO BARBARIAN. It's Charlie Chaplin, playing sharply contrasting roles—first a pathetic little ghetto barber, then a bombastic, bomb-exploding dictator in "The Great Dictator," his latest and greatest comedy which will have its All-China Gala Premiere at the Lee Theatre on Friday, March 7.

"THE GREAT DICTATOR" SPEAKS AND SO DOES CHARLIE CHAPLIN

It will be amusing to watch the discomfiture on many faces when Charlie Chaplin speaks on the screen for the first time as evidenced in "The Great Dictator," which United Artists is bringing to the Lee Theatre on Friday, March 7. The nearest he has ever come to speech in a picture was the "Tithina" number in "Modern Times" in which he sang a song in a sort of gibberish.

When President Roosevelt inaugurated the N.R.A. some years ago Charlie made a radio broadcast in its favour. There were many skeptics who, because they couldn't see him, went so far as to say that though Charlie was announced as the speaker, they didn't believe it was really his voice they heard.

Now, in "The Great Dictator," they can see as well as hear, and many will marvel that he stayed silent for so many years. As "the little tramp" Charlie, as well as most of his followers, believed he

should have no voice. He was universally known and understood in pantomime much as the mythical characters of Santa Claus and other people created solely from imagination are known and understood.

In "The Great Dictator," he deviates only slightly in his interpretation of his character—wears the same clothes, affects the same imitable mannerisms that have made Charlie famous.

But the problem presented itself—how was he to break his silence for the first time? For each person in a Chaplin audience had his own interpretation of a voice the little man would use. The transition would have to be gradual—and most important of all—for a reason.

How Charlie bridged this barrier is only another tribute to his amazing ingenuity, and is one of the basic motives for the story. And HOW this is done is one of the many surprises waiting for all the Chaplin fans who so eagerly look forward to his pictures.

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12.47 Billy Mayerl — "Four Aces" Suite.

Rale da Casto (Piano).

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Haydn—Symphony No. 101 in D Minor (The "Clock").
1st Mov: Adagio-Presto; 2nd Mov: Andante; 3rd Mov: Menuetto-Allegretto; 4th Mov: Finale-Vivace—Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra of New York conducted by Arturo Toscanini.

1.30 Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Variety.

Vocal — Ma Curly Headed Baby (Clusam); Mighty Lak' A Rose (Navin)—Paul Robeson (Bass) with Orchestra. Two Flanos—Tin Pan Alley Medley No. 29—Intro: I Can't love you any more; I haven't time to be a Millionaire; We'll go Smiling Along; Mist on the River; Fools rush in; Make believe Island — Ivor Moreton and Dave Kaye with string bass and drums. Vocal—Tell Me Pretty Maiden (from "Floradora"—Lella Stuart); In the Shade of the Palm (from "Floradora") — Victor Mised Chorus with Instr. acc. Organ—Childhood Memories (arr. Debroy Somers)—Reginal Foort.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Noel Coward — Scenes from "To-night at 8.30."

Gertrude Lawrence, Noel Coward & Company with The Phoenix Theatre Orchestra, London.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Britain Speaks. Talk by J. B. Priestley.

7.30 Portuguese Programme.
8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 An hour of Popular Classics. Chanson Triste (Tchaikovsky). Le Bourne-mouth Municipal Orch. Le

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BULGARIA'S ASSOCIATION WITH AXIS EXPLAINED

Government To Maintain Peaceful Policy Of Yore

LONDON, March 3 (Reuter).—According to the German news agency, Professor Floff, the Bulgarian Prime Minister, in a statement on the German entry into Bulgaria, said: "The Reich Government has expressed considerations of the existing treaties of friendship we have concluded with our neighbours which emphasise the peaceful policies of Bulgaria."

"In the present European situation, after weighing all the circumstances, and led, above all, by the wish to safeguard the vital rights of our people and the country, and after receiving assurances that the existing law and order in the country would be maintained in the highest degree, the Bulgarian Government has decided to agree to the request of the Reich Government."

The Bulgarian Government declares that the presence of German troops in the country in no way changes the peaceful policy of Bulgaria, who is determined to refrain from any attack and from any measures that threaten the interests of anyone.

"The Bulgarian Government feel that their action will be rightly understood by all and approved by the Balkan people."

The German news agency adds that the Bulgarian Chamber has approved and accepted the statement of the Prime Minister by an absolute majority.

Reuters diplomatic correspondent learns that the Bulgarian Minister in London has telegraphically tendered his resignation to the Bulgarian Government.

AUDIENCE OF KING

VICHY, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Dispatches received here from Sofia

REPRESSION OF FREE FRENCH MOVEMENT

Adherents Sentenced In Beirut Trial

LONDON, March 3 (Reuter).—Twenty French officials and officers in Syria have been sentenced to imprisonment, varying from five months to five years, after a trial at Beirut on charges of "conspiracy" against the mandatory Government, reports the Associated Press.

All the accused were arrested last autumn when measures designed to repress the Free French movement were taken.

General de Larmat, now High Commissioner for Free French Africa, was among those whose arrest was ordered at that time.

While the former High Commissioner in Syria, Gabriel Puaux, still held office last autumn, the Germans arrested his son in France and held him as hostage. It was made clear to M. Puaux that the treatment of his son depended on how he repressed the Free French movement in Syria.

DARDANELLES SHIPPING

ISTANBUL, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Turkish naval authorities are reported to have issued instructions to all ships desiring a pass through the Dardanelles that they must henceforth notify their identity and ask for a pilot.

BERKELEY SQUARE

LONDON, March 3 (BWS).—Railings at Berkeley Square except those round the statue and fountain, are being removed to make scrap iron for munitions. Berkeley Square was laid out in 1709 as part of the development which took place between 1700-1750 in the Mayfair district.

Naval Bombardment Of Modun

LONDON, March 3 (BWS).—An official inspection of Modun, five miles inland from Fava, has revealed the accuracy of the naval bombardment reported on Feb. 23.

Besides causing a number of casualties, damage was done to enemy buildings and installations were destroyed. Further large stocks of valuable stores and supplies have been discovered.

MR. ANTHONY EDEN IN ATHENS

ATHENS, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Mr. Anthony Eden, British Foreign Minister, and General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, arrived here by air after their conversations in Turkey.

PARISIANS BOYCOTTING GERMANS

NAZI PROPAGANDA OPENLY DERIDED

NEW YORK, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Derision and boycott are being used most effectively by the people of Paris as weapons against the Germans in the French capital, according to messages reaching the New York Times.

The Germans no longer dare to break through the food queues of housewives outside the shops and carry off food as they did a few months ago.

Because of Nazi propaganda, the public is losing the habit of reading the newspapers or going to cinemas, but when they do they deride the Germans by their sneers and derisive laughter at the news films.

Boycotting takes the form of avoiding the slightest contact with the Germans.

Correspondents add that everybody listens to the news bulletins broadcast daily in French from London, "Loyalty to England is striking. The people dream of nothing but British victory."

Only twice have the Germans dared to sound the alert. It is stated, because when warning was given of British planes overhead, Parisians displayed so much joy that the Germans now deem it wiser to keep them uninformed.

CONCENTRATED ATTACK ON COLOGNE

Target Area Lit By Countless Fires

LONDON, March 3 (Reuter).—A multitude of fires and the sky full of acrid smoke, was the scene again left behind by R.A.F. bombers when, on Saturday night, they made a second attack within a week on the industrial centre of Cologne.

On one side of the river and on the wharves on its banks, huge industrial buildings were ablaze and tall factories, standing up dark against the flames, made a good mark at which to aim heavy high-explosive bombs.

Guided first by the Rhine and later by the blaze of countless fires, the R.A.F. bombers came over in quick succession and concentrated their attack within a few hours from soon after 9 p.m. until midnight.

Messerschmitt fighters were in the air and there was an occasional exchange of fire between the British aircraft and the enemy, but for the most part the fighters disappeared at once into the night.

The German troops were marching in, they were cheered by the Bulgarian people."



Gen. Sir Archibald F. Wavell (right), head of the British forces in Africa, discussing operations with one of his commanders outside Bardia, which fell to the Army of the Nile soon after this picture was taken. Photo passed by the British censor.

Germany's U-Boat Threats Analysed By Naval Expert

LONDON, March 3 (Reuter).—Hitler's new war on Britain's sea-borne commerce may be expected to be launched with between 120 U-boats actually available for service but the attack can be maintained by only one third of that number, says the Sunday Times naval correspondent.

Some highly exaggerated figures about the output of new boats from German yards have been put into circulation, he says, probably from Berlin as a move in the war of nerves.

A total ranging from 600 to 1,000 craft has been mentioned. It may be as well to say definitely and unequivocally that such figures are fantastic. They are a multiplication by five or ten of the possible output of German shipbuilding yards in a twelve-month span.

Submarines cannot be mass-produced, writes the correspondent. There is much work demanding skilled and patient handwork. Furthermore, the supply of skilled workers is limited and there is no evidence that the Nazis have recruited extra hands from the countries they have over-run.

Finally there is the problem of space. The number of building slips on which Germany can lay down vessels of 200 to 300 feet in length is pretty accurately known, and even though the yards of occupied countries were used, there were still not enough to have taken anything like 600 keels in the past year.

BIG GULF

At a general calculation there might have been a programme of 150 new U-boats in hand in recent months. But between the blue print and the ship at sea there is a big gulf as the German Navy found in the last war when it was able to complete about only half the boats for which contracts were optimistically placed.

We may, I think (says the correspondent), expect that Hitler's new war on sea-borne commerce will be launched with between 100 and 120 boats actually available for service.

At first glance that number appears formidable but the number available is not necessarily the number active in the front line. There are many deductions to be made. For example, the submarine school at Kiel needs several for training new crews.

INTENSIVE TRAINING
It is probable that some 4,000 hands are undergoing intensive training and to give even a quarter of that number experience under way for a week, some 20 boats must be detached from the fighting fleet. That figure is no mere guess; it is the actual total of the training boats attached to the school at the height of the 1917 campaign.

The whole number of craft available cannot be maintained at sea at the same time and practical experience shows that about one-third of the available craft can be

"HITLER'S MISTAKE" ON VIEW!

LONDON, Mar. 3 (BWS).—Called "Hitler's Mistake," a 12-foot bomb which failed to explode when dropped on an East Anglian town has proved a most efficient collector of money.

Exhibited by A.R.P. workers this bomb, which is one of the largest dropped on Britain, has raised nearly £30 daily in five days and yesterday thousands of people, some whose homes might have been shattered had the bomb exploded, queued up to see it.

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CHINESE TROOPS IN BURMA

CANARD DENIED BY CHUNGKING

CHUNGKING, March 3 (Central).—Reports emanating from Japanese sources that 20,000 Chinese troops have been sent to Burma and 5,000 to Singapore were formally denied yesterday by a Chinese military spokesman who characterised them as "malicious propaganda" with the intent of "confusing" the public.

The spokesman pointed out that since Burma belongs to the Burmese and is meanwhile under British rule, no Chinese troops can be sent in without consent of both the British and Burmese Governments.

The spokesman recalled that the British authorities have repeatedly made it known that the British strength in Malaya and Burma is strong enough to cope with any eventually in the Far East. Evidently they do not need Chinese troops to move southward to curb the aggressor in the western Pacific.

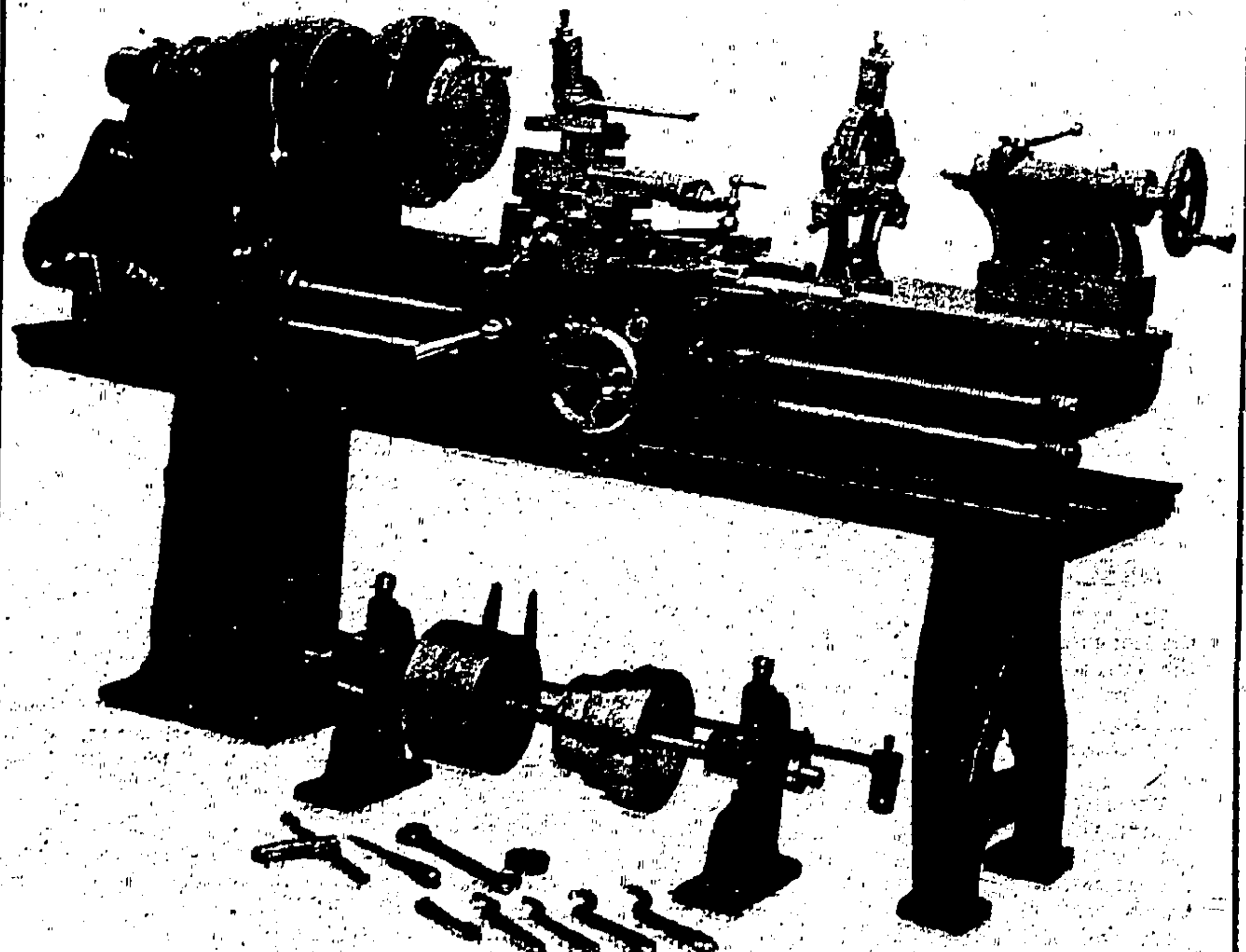
The spokesman suspected that the reports were circulated for the purpose of alienating the Chinese British and Burmese against which they should all be on guard.

TURKISH MINISTER TO CHINA

CHUNGKING, March 3 (Central).—After calling on Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek last Friday, Mr. Emin Ali Sipahi, Turkish Minister to China, left for Hongkong by plane yesterday en route to Shanghai.

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GRUESOME DISCOVERY IN BOOK FIRM'S GODOWN TOLD AT MURDER TRIAL

The gruesome discovery made by employees of the Chung Wah Book Company in the early morning of Dec. 5 when they broke into the company's godown at No. 3 Gilman's Bazaar and found two of their colleagues lying on the ground with terrible injuries, was recounted at the Criminal Sessions yesterday when HO SUNG-BEL, 32, was arraigned before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, on a charge of the murder of WOO TONG-CHIU, 29, accountant of the firm.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, appeared for the prosecution, assisted by Det.-Insp. L. R. Whant, while Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, instructed by Mr. J. M. Hall, was for the defence.

The following jury was empanelled:—Messrs. T. H. Lunsford (Foreman), D. Lyon, A. Black, E. F. Passos, V. S. Mamak, G. Gerard and A. W. W. Salter.

Mr. Reynolds said that Woo joined the Company in Feb., 1940, and became the accountant of the branch office at No. 89 Queen's Road Central. There was another person found seriously wounded in the premises, Wong Sul-kar, 19, employed as a probationary salesman. He subsequently succumbed to his injuries. The accused became a probationary salesman on Sept. 22 and worked at the stationery counter with Wong.

TWO DOORS

The company had for the past few years been using the ground floor of No. 3 Gilman's Bazaar as a store for books. These premises, went on Council, had two doors. The front was only used when large quantities of books were moved, while the back had a Yale lock and pad-lock. The cockloft was occupied by the two deceased men and the key to these premises were kept by Woo.

Mr. Reynolds described the layout of the premises. Instructions had been given by the manager that no one was to be admitted or let out after midnight except for an urgent reason.

On Dec. 4 about 6 p.m. the accused approached Cheung Cheuk-sun, a gate-keeper, and asked him to admit him that night as he might be returning late. Later the accused borrowed \$2 from the cashier, Ng Pak-kiu. About 11.15 p.m. Wong returned to the shop with a thermos flask and was later seen walking back towards Gilman's Bazaar.

HEARD ACCUSED

About 3.30 a.m. when Cheung Cheuk-sun got up to admit the nightman he heard accused calling and let him in. Two hours later a fork sleeping opposite the entrance to the accountant's

office, Tung Kai-sing, was awakened by the noise of the ringing of the bell of the safe inside the office. He saw a shadow.

He informed the manager, Ng, who slept on the floor above. Ng came down and, on seeing a man, asked who it was. A voice, which Ng recognised as the accused, replied, "Me," and explained that as he had come back late he decided to sleep in the office.

Mr. Reynolds said about 6 a.m. a salesman of the Sun Kwong cloth shop, Lau Chi-kuen, living opposite No. 3 Gilman's Bazaar, heard cries of "save life" and telephoned the company. Three employees were sent and after forcing open the door they found Wong lying just inside, his face covered with blood, but still alive.

The Police were summoned and Sgt. Cochrane discovered another body, that of Woo, on a stairway between opened packing cases. In the cockloft was a mass of blood, some on the camp bed and some on the floor and between two beds a chopper was found.

Later Insp. Whant proceeded to No. 89 Queen's Road Central and, after making enquiries, sent for accused and told him that he was being arrested on suspicion. Accused made a long cautioned statement telling how he had spent the previous night.

When charged on Dec. 6 accused stated, "I have nothing to say."

MULTIPLE SHOCK

Dr. J. H. M. Chen testified that Woo died from haemorrhage and multiple shock.

Dr. Lee Pae-chim, who examined accused, said that he had superficial wounds and cuts on his hands, legs and feet.

Dr. Dean Smith testified that the cause of Wong's death was haemorrhage due to multiple wounds.

Dr. Alyares, Local Assistant Bacteriologist, testified that he examined eight pieces of clothing and found human blood on them.

After evidence by several employees of the Chung Wah Book Company, hearing was adjourned to this morning.

EXHIBITION OF KINDERGARTEN APPARATUS

Teachers and parents much benefited by the exhibition of kindergarten apparatus and books which was held under the auspices of the Hongkong Teachers' Association and Text Book Committee at the St. Joseph's College yesterday afternoon.

Divided into eight sections the exhibition covered physical education, materials for making things, materials for make believe, didactic apparatus, books, music, furniture and pictures.

Institutes, which contributed materials to the exhibition were Maryknoll Convent School, Sacred Heart School, St. Mary's School, St. Paul's Girls' School, St. Clair's Girls' School, Pui Ying School, True Light Primary School, Kowloon Junior School, Peak School, Quarry Bay School, Holy Spirit School and St. Stephen's School. A few local firms also contributed.

The exhibition will be continued this afternoon from 3.30 to 6.30 p.m.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSCN. MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong and China Branch of the British Medical Association will be held in the School of Anatomy, University of Hongkong, at 9.15 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5.

The election of President, Council and Officers for the year 1941 will be the principal item on the agenda and it is hoped that there will be a representative gathering of all members of the Association.

SPECIAL GUARDS SWORN IN

Sixty-seven newly recruited Special Constables were sworn in before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning. Mr. W. J. B. Sparrow, Superintendent of Police, was present at the occasion.

Two Weddings At Registry

Two Chinese couples were married at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday at which Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages, officiated. The parties were:—

Mr. Du Long, merchant, of No. 63 Bonham Strand West, and Miss Wong Yuck-wai, of No. 31 Des Voeux Road Central.

Mr. Cheung Yan-sing, physical director, of No. 128 Lockhart Road, second floor, and Miss Li Wai-chun, of the same address.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages were announced yesterday:—

Mr. Kwan Bak-hing, merchant, of No. 63 Bonham Strand West, and Miss Chan Suet-fong, of No. 55 Queen's Road West.

Mr. Stephen Ho Ka-ki, school teacher, of No. 209, Sheung Un Ling Village, Kowloon, and Miss So So-nga, of No. 57 Mongkok Road.

Mr. Lam Chi-kun, electrical engineer, of No. 10 Morrison Hill Road and Miss Leung Kwa-sim, of No. 210 Johnston Road, second floor.

Mr. Chan Yat-sun, civil servant in the Chinese Government, and residing at No. 85 Gloucester Road, and Miss Mou Sul-chan, of No. 120 Caine Road, second floor.

CROWN LAND SALE

Kowloon Island Lot No. 4302 was sold for \$3,000 at the Crown Land Sales held yesterday. The purchaser was Mr. Fong Sze-man, who was represented in the bidding by Mr. A. R. F. Raven, the architect.

The lot covers an area of about 3,150 square feet adjoining Kowloon Island Lot No. 4297, in Ping Street, Kowloon. The upset price was \$2,300.

'Women Of China Mobilise! Victory Year Is Near!'

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CHINESE Y.W.C.A.

THE ANNUAL CHINESE Y.W.C.A. CAMPAIGN TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE YEAR'S WORKING OF VARIOUS Y.W.C.A. PROJECTS, was given a send-off at the Luk Kwok Hotel last night when some 250 ladies, who will compete in 24 teams toward the goal this year of raising \$42,000, were present.

The campaign slogan this year is "Women of China Mobilise! Victory Year Is Near!" and the progress of the campaign will be followed in the three collecting centres by the placing of candles upon a map of China where a victory route is marked with its starting point at Chungking and the final goal at Nanking.

The campaign will last one month, from March 3 to April 2, and posters will be everywhere in evidence this morning calling the attention of all to this Y.W.C.A. effort. As part of the campaign programme, Mrs. N. L. Smith, Hon. Campaign Chairman, broadcast over Z.B.W. last night.

Among the speakers at the Campaign inauguration meeting at the Luk Kwok Hotel were Dr. Lei Ying-lam, President of Lingnan University and formerly General Secretary of the Canton Y.W.C.A., who was in the Chair, Dr. Katie Woo, M.B.E., President of the Hongkong Y.W.C.A., Mrs. T. K. Chow, Chairman of the Committee arranging the Opening Ceremonies, Mrs. T. H. Chen, General Secretary of the Canton Y.W.C.A., and Miss Shih Tak-hing, General Secretary of the Hongkong Y.W.C.A.

24 CANDLES

Mme. Sun Fo, who will lead the Campaign teams, performed the candle-lighting ceremony that marked the official opening of the campaign, the leaders of the three winning teams last year assisting in the lighting of the 24 candles, each team representing one of China's 24 provinces. The captain of each team had her candle embedded on a cardboard map of one of the provinces.

Present also were Mrs. K. H. Wu, President of the Canton Y.W.C.A., who was slightly indisposed and could not take part in the speeches, and Miss Marion Dudley, National Secretary for South China of the Chinese Young Women's Christian Association. Among the other ladies present were many prominent in social and educational circles here.

The whole work of the Y.W.C.A. here today is divided into two spheres of activity, along regular lines and on war-time emergency lines. The National Y.W.C.A. and the Canton Y.W.C.A. are also well-represented in the Colony at the present and the campaign is being jointly conducted by the three bodies.

FOUR GROUPS

The Y.W.C.A. has sections for university students, school girls, girls in business firms and girls working in industrial enterprises. The four groups have each a council of their own.

Three hostels have been opened for girls working in factories where on a co-operative system some 20 or 30 of them are able to live in each hostel at a cost of from seven to eight dollars monthly.

These hostels are recreational centres also for some 500 other girls who make use of the lending libraries and other facilities.

Emergency work being carried on includes the many drives being conducted to raise medicine, clothing, etc. for the relief of wounded soldiers, refugee work locally in the camps at Kam Tin and King's Park, a camp for war orphans at Ngan Hang on Lappa Island near Macao, and a Service Corps attached to the Chinese army in Kwangtung.

The opening ceremonies yesterday were followed by a dinner.

BROADCAST BY MRS. N. L. SMITH

In a broadcast on the Y.W.C.A. Finance Campaign from Z.B.W. studio last night, Mrs. N. L. Smith, wife of the Colonial Secretary, said:—

"Tomorrow the Young Women's Christian Association is opening the Annual Finance Campaign of the three branches, the Hongkong Y.W.C.A., the Canton Y.W.C.A., and the National Y.W.C.A. of China, and I want in this brief talk to tell you something of the vital and varied work amongst women and girls that these Associations are undertaking and of the aspirations and hopes which are firing the hearts of Christian women leaders of China today.

The symbol chosen for the Y.W.C.A. Campaign is a young woman in uniform bearing a torch and signifying that all members should be mobilised for service, ready and eager for all sacrifices that final

victory may overcome the forces that destroy freedom and progress.

The Y.W.C.A. in Hongkong has its sphere of influence in many sections of the Chinese community, amongst students in schools and the University, some of which have been evacuated from occupied China, amongst business and career girls, in the industrial and factory districts, and in the homes of Hongkong.

In the student work, the Y.W.C.A. is fortunate in having many women leaders of wide education and vision and their object is to inspire those girls benefitting from knowledge and training in Hongkong schools, to be ready to serve and lead others in the underprivileged classes and to become themselves the Christian leaders of youth in the future.

VERY RAPID GROWTH

The section of work amongst business and career girls is quite a young venture but one which shows very rapid growth. A business girls club was opened in the National Bank Building in the autumn of 1939 and now some ninety members use the Centre—girls in banks, stores and offices, in journalism, in social service, and teachers, nurses and doctors use this Centre, where meals are served, a rest room and library provided and they can entertain their friends on the flat roof kindly lent by the Bank. The activities here are both serious and recreational and of great value to the members.

The Y.W.C.A. work amongst factory girls and industrial workers is of very particular interest and I am sure you will be surprised and touched by it. About 400 factory girls are served in ten places scattered over Hongkong and Kowloon, the centres at Causeway Bay, Wanchai, and Kowloon City being the most important where hostels and club rooms are provided, where rates are as low as \$1.50 for a bed and communal meals for \$6 per month.

In these clubs and hostels a fine spirit prevails, for a self-governing council of the girls arranges activities and work, including night and day schools in their own neighbourhoods. They raise the money and plan the work for these schools, and the work is progressing for us soon as a girl learns the first fundamentals of reading and writing, and good citizenship, she begins to teach someone else.

HOME WOMEN'S CIRCLE

There are just two more departments of Y.W.C.A. work in Hongkong I should like to mention—the work of members in their own homes and the Bonham Road Hostel. There are about 140 members of the Home Women's Circle who meet for study of their own particular problems, such as childcare, hygiene, nutrition and cooking and these women also look for opportunities of social service in the community. The Bonham Rd. Hostel has only capacity to accommodate 40 girls and always has a waiting list of requests for rooms. A few rooms are reserved for transients, and in 1940 97 travellers from America, Canada, Australia, and Straits Settlements stayed here. In this hostel many opportunities occur for friendship and help amongst members.

Hongkong has become very much the centre of Y.W.C.A. work in South China, for the Canton branch moved here on the occupation of Canton and now carries on its activities by work in Macao. Here they work in the large Refugee Camp, holding schools for all ages from kindergarten groups to adults, and educating in a practical way by technical training in farming and other productive work. They maintain a free clinic where Y.W.C.A. girls work, these volunteer workers buy their own raw materials and mix their own lotions and ointments and with two doctors and two nurses they have tended well over 1000 patients per month.

HIGHEST PATRIOTISM

The National Y.W.C.A. work throughout China still goes on and we find many cases of the highest



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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Celebrations Planned For March 8

More than 120 women organisations and girl schools in Hongkong will jointly celebrate the International Women's Day on March 8. Preparations in this regard are being feverishly made.

It is understood that a celebration meeting will be held at Caroline Hill in the morning of that day. It will begin with a flag-raising ceremony, after which there will be speeches on the history and significance of the occasion.

Dr. Irene Ho will be the principal speaker, and the members of the Chinese Y.W.C.A. will comprise the presidium.

All Chinese papers will issue special supplements with articles by well-known Chinese women writers.—(Central News).

Mr. Aw Boon-haw, Singapore overseas Chinese industrialist, who is slightly indisposed, left Chungking for Hongkong by plane on Sunday. He will return again after recuperation.—(Central News).

patriotism, devotion and Christian faith amongst those who work in areas of danger and difficulty. Though seven branches have closed down since the Japanese war of occupation, seven others have opened and leaders and money are needed for this pioneer work amongst women and girls uprooted and distressed by war conditions.

Many of you will receive appeals for gifts towards this Y.W.C.A. Campaign which has the goal of \$42,000. Will you do what you can to help, though many other claims are constantly being made on both your sympathies and your purse? To those who have lost no property through the war being waged, I make an appeal for real generosity.

The women of China deserve our admiration for their indomitable spirit, and we need those earnest and Christian young girls in reconstructing a new and better Hongkong and China in the future.

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PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS of The Reverend James Cunningham Mackay, sometime Minister of the Parish of Kirkcaldy, Perthshire, and late of Number Thirty five Gillespie Crescent, Edinburgh, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 29th day of March, 1941.

ALL creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 1st day of March, 1941.

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THE RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING COMPANY LIMITED.

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Notice of Declaration of Third Interim Dividend.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Third Interim Dividend of four pence per share for the financial year ending 31st March, 1941, has been declared by the Directors of the Company in Brisbane, payable on 15th March, 1941, to Shareholders on the Registers at Brisbane and Singapore on 14th March, 1941.

NOTICE is also hereby given that the Singapore Transfer Registers will be closed from Saturday, 8th March, to Friday, 14th March, 1941, both days inclusive, for the preparation of Dividend Warrants.

By Order of the Board, DERRICK & CO., Chartered Accountants, Local Secretaries, Hongkong Bank Chambers SINGAPORE, 15th Feb., 1941.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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Forms of tender may be obtained until 8th March, 1941, on application to the Naval Store Officer, H.M. Naval Yard, by whom quotations will be received until noon on the dates specified on individual tenders.

The right is reserved of declining the whole or any portion of any tenders and of accepting any portion of a tender.

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The Final Dividend declared for the Year ending 31st December, 1940, at the rate of Two Pounds Ten Shillings Sterling at exchange 1/2.7/8 is payable on and after the 26th February, 1941, at the Offices of the Corporation, where shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1941.

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the following increases in the Company's standard charges will be made for current consumed in respect of accounts issued for meters read on and after 21st March, 1941:—

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THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday was 58 and the minimum 54.

Total rainfall since Jan. 1 is 10.20 inches against an average of 3.13. The Royal Observatory report states:—

The anticyclone is stationary over China and the neighbouring seas, and is again increasing in intensity, pressure being highest to the north of the Yangtze Valley.

A depression has developed over the Sea of Japan, and is moving north-eastward.

ROME, Mar. 3. (Reuters)—Rumania will be blacked-out each night from 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 a.m. in the morning from Sunday, Mar. 2, according to a Bucharest message.

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HONGKONG, MARCH 4, 1941.

ANOTHER SCRAP OF PAPER

AXIS POMP and ceremony attended the signing of another scrap of paper when M. Filoff, the Bulgarian Prime Minister, frittered away the independence and freedom of his country in what really amounts to complete German control. Before the ink was dry on the new pact, Nazi troops were marching in to occupy the capital, while unenthusiastic Bulgars watched the proceedings in silence and no doubt with misgivings as to the future. The Axis, of course, hailed the adherence of the new partner to the gangster society as a huge diplomatic triumph and as a counter-move to the British plans in South-East Europe as seen in Mr. Anthony Eden's visit to Ankara for talks with the Turkish Government. The Bulgarian Prime Minister's view, however, that the new pact is an instrument of peace is as devoid of truth as is his statement that it answers the interests of the Bulgarian people. What M. Filoff has done is to place his country and his people in deeper water than they can ever hope to swim in and the world now awaits a repetition of the sordid state of affairs that have brought Rumania to her present pass. Bulgaria has thus, by a stroke of the pen, lost the opportunity of gaining the powerful sympathy and friendship of the Western Democracies and earned, in their stead, a brutal domination to which she will now have to submit—a domination which will sweep away every single right of national existence and liberty to guide her own destiny.

AS FAR AS the Democracies are concerned, Bulgaria's decision makes very little, if any, difference to their aims and attitude. None of the links which have been forged in their chain of resistance have been weakened or jeopardised in the slightest degree. Even if the whole of the Balkans should now pass into Nazi control—as seems likely now with Yugoslavia, the only remaining state still out of the Axis grip and with little hope of being able to resist the German methods single-handed—it does not mean that Britain and her allies will lose the advantages which they have secured in the Mediterranean region. The supremacy they have attained over the Italians has had an effect which no amount of Nazi diplomatic manoeuvring can hope to neutralise. The initiative here has been taken and will be retained by Britain and those who have ranged themselves on her side at all costs and nothing has been left wanting in the preparations they have made to meet any plan which the Axis may now try to set in operation as a result of this latest display of power-politics in the Balkans. The roping of Bulgaria into the Axis fold and the now probable passing of Yugoslavia under the same yoke have been foreseen and steps taken to nullify any expected

tions which the Nazis expect to result from this desperate move.

THERE IS only one complication which arises from this Balkan development and it is one which solely concerns Bulgaria herself and only helps to show up to the rest of the world the insincerity of her leaders. It was not many days ago that Bulgaria entered into a pact of friendship and non-aggression with Turkey—an agreement which bound them not to attack each other but to stand by each other if either of them were attacked. How Bulgaria's statesmen can now reconcile this pledge with an act which places them immediately outside such considerations is, of course, a matter for speculation. With Bulgaria as an ally of Germany now, Turkey will be forced to regard her as an enemy if the Nazis carry out their plan to threaten Greece, with whom Turkey has an alliance. In other words, Bulgaria has now forfeited the right to friendship and sympathy from Turkey and another scrap of paper has thus been torn up. As for Greece, which doubtless Germany hopes to bluster into submission, the Nazis will find themselves up against a very different proposition. Having made it clear to the world that they are solidly opposed to aggression and having, with the help of Britain and her allies, already shown how powerful her strength of resistance is, it is hardly likely that these valiant people will be cowed by Nazi threats or intimidation.



Sarah Churchill, daughter of Britain's Prime Minister, and her comedian husband, Vic Oliver, run over their script for the "Starlight" feature of the BBC's short wave overseas service, with Gerry Wilmot, the Canadian compere.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION OF PEOPLE'S COUNCIL

General Chiang Kai-shek Elected To Presidium

CHUNGKING, Mar. 3 (Central)—The first plenary session of the 2nd People's Political Council was opened in Chungking at 9 o'clock on Saturday morning with 193 members in attendance. Dr. Chang Po-ling acted as provisional chairman. It will be recalled that the 2nd People's Political Council was organised last November as an advisory organ following the postponement of the National People's Assembly which was originally scheduled to be convened on November 12 last year.

A three-minute silence for the Chinese soldiers and civilians killed in the war was observed.

After the opening speech by Dr. Chang Po-ling, Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek delivered their speeches of admonition and Mr. Chow Tso-kang replied on behalf of the members.

PRESIDIUM ELECTED

Following the opening ceremony, a preliminary meeting for the first meeting was held for electing a presidium of five in accordance with Article 18 of the Revised Organic Law of the People's Political Council. Those elected were Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Dr. Chang Po-ling, Mr. Tso Hsue-sheng, Dr. Carson Chang and Miss Wu Yi-fang.

After the election of the presidium, the first meeting was held. Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs, reported on the diplomatic situation in the past

ten months with special reference to China's diplomatic moves, the American, British, and Soviet policies toward China, the silver question in the British Concession in Tientsin and the Second Special District Court issue in the French Concession in Shanghai.

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Following Dr. Wang's report, Dr. Wang Wen-hao, Minister of Economic Affairs, made a report on economic affairs during the same period. He reviewed in particular governmental encouragement of industries and mining, control over important materials, improvement of navigation and water conservancy, and the increase of China's production.

Many queries were made by the members of the Council to which Dr. Wang Chung-hui and Dr. Wang Wen-hao promised to give written replies.

In the afternoon Mr. Lin Sen gave a tea reception in honour of the members of the Council and the ranking government officials.

THOSE PRESENT

Among the members present at the opening ceremony were Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Bishop Paul Yu Pin, Mr. Aw Boon-haw, Mr. Tsoow Tao-fen, Prof. Chang Chung-fu, Mr. Wang Hsiao-lai, Mr. Mai-Sze-Wu-Teh, Mr. Chen Hsi-meng, Mr. Pi Chung-shih, Mr. Lo Lung-chi, Mr. Chow Tao-kang, Mr. Wang Chia-chen, Mr. Li Hsien-keng, Mr. Chang Shih-chao, Mr. Tung Kuan-hsien, General Chang Chih-chiang, Dr. Lo Wen-kan, Mr. Tam Ping-shan, Mr. Shen Chun-ju, Mr. Tso Hsue-sheng, Mr. Kiang Yung, Dr. Carson Chang and Prof. Liang Shih-chiu. Women members present included Miss Wu Yi-fang, Miss Hsieh Ping-hsin, Miss Shih Liang, Miss Liu Heng-ching, Miss Wang Li-ming and Miss Wu Chih-mei.

"Y" MEMBERSHIP DRIVE RETURNS

The returns for the first phase of the annual Y. M. C. A. membership campaign, held jointly by the Hongkong and the Canton branch, and the Field Service Corps, which ended on Mar. 1, are \$23,278.26.

The leading five teams are: Chan Tat-chor's team, \$2,000; Wong Sze-tin's team, \$1,490; Winter Swimming Team (Ho Yan-tak), \$1,483.50; Y's Men's Club (Ho Shiu-que), \$1,137; and Chan Pak-shum's team \$1,000.

NIGHTSOIL REMOVAL TO BE DISCUSSED

With reference to the undertaking given by the Colonial Secretary in his speech at Legislative Council on Thursday, February 20, to the effect that the proposed scheme for nightsoil removal would be discussed by Finance Committee with the Health Authorities at an early date, Honourable Members are notified that a special meeting of Finance Committee will be held for this purpose after Legislative Council on Thursday, March 6.

BRITAIN'S FARM WORKERS HAVE THEIR COATS OFF TO HELP WAR EFFORT

"Victory may depend on food and I can assure my fellow-farm workers in the British Empire that farm workers in Britain have got their coats off to help our country in its hour of need," said MR. B. A. FROST, an agricultural worker, when he broadcast from London yesterday in the series, "WORKING TOGETHER."

"We are not frightened of Herr Hitler's bombs nor of his threat of invasion," said Mr. Frost. "If he ever attempts to land on these shores he will find our army and the Home Guard ready for him. Let us hope the time will come soon when Hitler and his gangsters realise that the game is up and that the spirit of Britain is unconquerable."

IMPROVED CONDITIONS

Mr. Frost, who described himself as an ordinary farm worker, said he had lived all his life on a farm except for three-and-a-half years during which he served in the last war. He had done farm work since he was 13 years of age.

During the last 35 years, of course, conditions had changed largely on account of the work which was being done in the interests of labour by the Trade Unions.

At present agricultural workers, like industrial workers, had little time for sports and the only recreation they had was when they met of an evening in the village inn for a game of darts. Not many agricultural workers had been called up for service, but this did not mean that they did not feel the effects of the war. They were now working with mother nature and they had to plan to cope with her many moods and changes.

In times of peace the majority of the industrial population of the world hardly ever gave agriculture a thought. That was certainly true in Britain though the Dominions were far ahead of the Mother Country and had never neglected the agricultural aspect of national life.

MANY BENEFITS

Mr. Frost went on to comment on the improved conditions under which farm labourers work today. Everything was now carefully watched by an agricultural board and they had the benefit under a scheme for unemployment insurance.

Various committees had been set up to control the progress of agriculture and the country was now planning to bring back into cultivation over two million acres of land. The cry now was "Till the soil and plough for victory."

Everyone had now joined up in the common effort and they were cheerfully tolerating many things which they would not have done in peace-time.

It was in this spirit that the farm workers were contributing to Britain's war effort.

Food Control Measures In Free China Successful

Majority of the delegates who recently attended the National Food Conference in Chungking, when interviewed, expressed the opinion that the food control measures adopted during the last few months have produced favourable results though admitting that the food situation in general is not yet entirely under control.

They believed that political measures, backed by effective laws and regulations, will go a long way in easing the situation created by hoarding, speculation and wartime transport handicaps. One measure should be the barter system, whereby districts producing more foodstuffs than can be consumed exchange with less productive regions for other goods.

CHEKIANG EXAMPLE

They cited the example as set by Chekiang and Kiangsi provinces. According to a report received here, the two provinces have completed arrangements for the exchange of 20,000 piculs of Chekiang salt for 40,000 piculs of Kiangsi rice.

Origin of Chungking's food problem, in their opinion, was the control by 10 per cent. of the Szechwan population of 80 per cent. of west Szechwan's rice production. Szechwan, they pointed out, has an annual surplus of 15,000,000 piculs of cereals. The authorities are shortly

H.K. POLICE RESERVE

Orders by the Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue (Acting Commissioner of Police)

CHINESE COMPANY

Training Course (Part II): The following have passed Part II of Training Course on the dates shown against them:—

Constables R84, Chung Tat Fai, R104 Lee Bing Tong, R168 Cheung Pak Wing, R181 Luk Fook Hol, R182 Tsui Kwok Cheung, R184 John Au Lay Chang, R185 Choi Ching Chee, R187 Mark Pak To, R189 Tsang Kwong Luk, R190 Tsang Hon Tao, R191 Lam Tsok Hang, R192 Chung Tat Kai, R198 Chan Fook Cheung, and R200 Lau Chuk Ching on Feb. 12, 1941, and R111 Lee Tuk Yan, R112 Louis Wong, and R194 Ip Fook Chuen on Feb. 14, 1941.

Training Course (Part IV): Those detailed will attend Prince's Building, 1st Floor, for Part IV of Training Course under Inspector (R) Lau Shiu Chuen on Wednesday, Mar. 5, at 17.15 hours sharp. Patrol Duty: Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

INDIAN COMPANY

Inspection Parade: All ranks of the "A" Company will parade at Central Police Station on Wednesday, Mar. 5, at 17.15 hours sharp for a general inspection of equipment, etc., by the Company Commander. Dress: Blue Uniform, Cap with White Cover, Belt with Brace, Whistle and Chain, and Truncheon. "Pocket-Policeman" and Note-Book to be carried. The Equipment Officer will make it a point of being present. Patrol Duty: Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

FLYING SQUAD

Training Course (Part I): Members of the Hongkong Section will attend Central Police Station on Thursday, Mar. 6 at 17.30 hours for Part I of Training Course under Police Sergeant R371 K. B. Lee. Dress: Blue Uniform. Patrol Duty: Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

Members of the Kowloon Section will attend Police Training School, Kowloon on Friday, Mar. 7 at 17.50 hours for Part I of Training Course. Dress: Blue Uniform. Patrol Duty: Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

EMERGENCY UNIT RESERVE

Training Course (Part II): All members of the "B" Company will attend No. 2 Police Station for Part II of Training Course on Wednesday, Mar. 5 at 17.15 hours under Lance-Sergeant (R) 481 E. R. Butcher.

Those detailed will attend Police Training School, Kowloon on Friday, Mar. 7 at 17.30 hours for an examination in Part II of Training Course.

N.C.O.'s Meeting: All N.C.O.'s will attend a meeting at No. 2 Police Station on Friday, Mar. 7 at 17.15 hours.

Training Course (Part III): All members of the "B" Company will attend King's Park Revolver Range on Sunday, Mar. 9 at 10.00 hours to qualify in "A" Course of Part III Training.

Equipment: The white metal numbers of both "A" and "B" Companies must be returned to the Equipment Officer immediately. All members of the "B" Company are requested to communicate with the Equipment Officer at once.

Patrol Duty: Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

O. EAGER, D.C.P. (R).

Hongkong, Mar. 3.

PASSPORTS LOST

Mr. R. Wilkinson, residing at the Gloucester Hotel, has reported to the Police the loss of his British passport.

Another loss of a passport has been reported by Dr. Paul Pang-tick, of the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital, who stated that he had not seen his passport since June 24, 1940. He only discovered his loss yesterday.

solving the problem of hoarding. Recently they said, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek sent out hundreds of young men to the various Szechwan counties to register food stocks and ordered the magistrates to report to him all rice hoarders and speculators in their respective counties. (Central News)

Japan's Invasion Of South Seas Will Be A Menace To China

CHUNGKING, Mar. 3 (Central).—Japan's invasion of the South Seas will be the greatest menace to China's national existence and security," declared GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK in a speech at the first plenary session of the 2nd People's Political Council.

"Not only is the South Seas," Generalissimo Chiang emphasised, "a second fatherland for more than 10,000,000 overseas Chinese who dwell and earn their living there but upon it hinges China's very existence and security."

THAILAND DISPUTE

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between Thai and Indo-China, especially since final instructions from Vichy are not believed to have yet reached the French delegates in Tokyo.

Giving Japan carte blanche for mediation, Thai apparently reposes implicit confidence in Japan and trusts that she is doing everything in her power to establish lasting peace in East Asia, according to informed observers quoted by a Japanese report.

THREAT NOW PASSED

SINGAPORE, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Reports that France has agreed in principle to accept Japan's arbitration award in the Thailand-Indo-China dispute have been received with relief by the general public here who feel that the immediate threat of a major clash in the Far East has now passed.

Long-term thinkers, however, tend to regard the present situation as a sort of "Munich" with a clash merely postponed and needing but a spark to cause the general flareup.

It may be safely said, therefore, the vigilance and ever increasing preparedness of the British forces in the Far East will not be relaxed by one iota, however much local tension may appear outwardly to have been eased.

COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING

TOKYO, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—The Asahi Shimbun understands that Japan will carry on negotiations with France and Thailand in order to seek a complete understanding acceptable and the mediation conference would be continued.

FUNERAL SERVICE OF ALFONSO

ROME, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Many Royal Houses of Europe were represented at the funeral service of the late King Alfonso XIII of Spain at the Church of St. Mary of the Angels today.

The coffin was covered with the Spanish flag and "in token of humility before God" the coffin lay low on the floor without pedestal or support.

Ex-Queen Ena, the Prince and Princess of Piedmont and members of the Spanish Royal Family were present.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO B.W.O.F.

The following is the latest list of subscriptions received to date for credit of the B. W. O. F.

Previously acknowledged, £100 and \$649,305.13.

S. W. P. Perry (Monthly), 25, Jim On 2, Anonymous 20, A. Whitaker (Monthly), 5, Portuguese Staff of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (Monthly), 50, C. V. Starr 75, J. Finkle 50, Prison Staff (February) 184.44, J. P. Rush (Monthly), 10, The Analysts' Government Laboratory 168, B. Herschend (Monthly), 10, C. Austin (Monthly), 10, W. Hewitt (Monthly), 10, D. J. Valentine (Monthly), 20, A. C. Wilcox (Monthly), 25, Some members of the European staff of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire (February) 57, W. P. C. (February), 10, The Ladies of the Club de Recreio—(Proceeds of a Rombola), 100, O. E. Bertin (Monthly), 50, Edgar Davidson (Monthly), 50, W. J. Knight 10, Anonymous 20, The staff of the Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd., (February) 78.95, E. Wakeham (Monthly), 100, E. Joffe (Monthly), 10, S. A. Kent (Monthly), 10, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hall (Monthly), 50. Total \$650, 971.57.

CAPETOWN, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—The extreme Republican organisation Ooswabrandwag is declared by a Government Gazette Extraordinary today to be an organisation to which Section 8 of the National Security Regulations apply. The Ooswabrandwag is popularly regarded as anti-British.

WHAT WAR WILL COST AUSTRALIA

The war will cost Australia £185,500,000 this year, stated a message from Sydney yesterday, in giving a statement made by MR. COLLINS, Assistant Minister for Territories, in regard to Australian war production.

Mr. Collins stated that the value of Australian production had risen by £35,000,000 to more than £203,000,000.

There had been an amazing extension in the production of munitions, while the Royal Australian Navy had been increased to several times its original strength.

Taxation in the country had increased by £125,000,000 this year.—(Special)

Wop Fighters Routed

INTREPID FEAT OF BRITISH PILOT IN ALBANIA

CAIRO, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—A fighter pilot of the R.A.F., flying alone over the Tepeleni area in Albania, sighted five Italian fighters which he immediately engaged and shot down three, the other two breaking off the combat.

This incident was reported in yesterday's R.A.F. Middle East Headquarters communique which says that bomber and fighter aircraft were again busy on Saturday in support of the Greek army operations in Albania.

It added: "At Valona, bombs were dropped on the ammunition dump and military barracks. Bomber formations also successfully attacked Berat, where buildings were hit and large fires started, and the enemy positions near Bu-zi."

EAST AFRICA

Dealing with Italian East Africa, the communique continues: "Bomber aircraft attacked enemy positions in the neighbourhood of Keren."

"Another of our bombers machine-gunned two Caproni 133s at Alamata on the Dessie-Asmara road and the enemy aircraft were burned out. Our aircraft then bombed and machine-gunned motor transport vehicles on the aerodrome and on the road near the town."

"From all operations our aircraft returned safely."

IMPORTANT PASS IN BRITISH HANDS

CAIRO, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—British northern forces in Eritrea on Saturday captured an important pass covering the approach to Keren which is the Italian stronghold on the high mountain land and a military key to the conquest of the whole colony.

A British communique recording the above also reports the satisfactory development of operations in the whole of Italian Somaliland.

In Abyssinia, progress has been made along the road to Gondar. In Gollam province, Abyssinian patriot forces inflicted considerable losses on the Italian garrison of Buray, which attempted a sortie with the cavalry and infantry.

OASIS SURRENDERED

LONDON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Kufra, a north Libyan oasis, was surrendered to the Free French troops on Mar. 1 and yielded 1,000 prisoners.

Communist Demand Turned Down By Chungking Govt.

CHUNGKING, March 3 (Reuter).—The ban has been lifted on the National People's Political Council meeting which opened here on Saturday when General Chiang Kai-shek addressed the gathering.

Seven Communist delegates did not attend the meeting. News of their absence was withheld as it was hoped that they would be prevailed on to attend, but since it was definitely established that they were not attending, news of the meeting was released.

The cause of the Communist absence from the People's Political Council was due to the Communist demand for certain political concessions.

The fact that they are not attending the meeting indicates that such concessions are not acceptable to the Government.

The Kuomintang as well as the Minority Parties are not attaching importance to the Communist abstention.

Referring to domestic affairs the Generalissimo declared that final victory must be the goal of national defence and must be above everything else. He added that if there is no national security there cannot be freedom liberty and rights.

Wrecks Strewn Over Italian Aerodromes

CAIRO, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Wrecks strewn over a dozen Italian aerodromes and the tangled remains of aircraft lying in ruin in an Eritrean bush tell of the havoc which one South African Air Squadron has wrought, says the R.A.F. Headquarters in the Middle East.

A single South African fighter, patrolling in Northern Eritrea, states a bulletin, dived low and opened fire with his eight guns on a large unidentified Italian aerodrome just inside a hangar south of Massawa.

The pilot saw it burst into flames and burn up the hangar as well.

Its destruction brought the squadron's total bag of enemy aircraft up to 76.

ANSALDO'S HOPES

Signor Ansaldo, in a broadcast, said that he hoped the transport of German troops to Libya would make conditions more favourable, states a London message.

Another commentator warned Italians that even worse might come and greater sacrifices would be called for.

It is reported that Italians have been cut off for eight months and vital supplies are running low.—(Special)

MOGADISHU, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—It is now revealed that the Italian Commander-in-Chief and the Governor together with those Italian forces not already disintegrated fled from Mogadishu towards Harar in Abyssinia three days before the British arrived.

The town was then declared an open city and, accordingly, was neither bombed nor shelled.

KUFRA TAKEN

LONDON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—The small Italian garrison in Kufra, which had been besieged for over a month, has been overwhelmed, states today's Italian High Command communique which also states that Italian naval units sank two enemy submarines in the Mediterranean and that the German air force bombed Tobruk.

It is pointed out in authoritative quarters here that the Italians do not admit that Free French forces captured Kufra.

NO CHANGE REPORTED

The latest communique from Cairo states that there is no change in the situation in Libya, Eritrea and Abyssinia, states a London message.

In Eritrea enemy positions were attacked on Sunday by British bombers, while fighters of the R.A.F. continued to harass enemy transports and troop concentrations.—(Special)

Mr. Winant's First Press Conference

Mr. John B. Winant, the new American Ambassador to Britain, gave his first Press conference in London yesterday, states a London message.

"I want to get to work right away," he said. "There is a great amount of material coming from the United States to Britain and Germany is wrong in thinking that any intensification of their war against shipping or any other diversion will stop this."—(Special)

SHANGHAI, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—A daring but unsuccessful attempt to assassinate Fu Yung-tung, Secretary to the sub-manager of Wang Ching-wei's Central Reserve Bank, was made in the heart of the International Settlement during the mid-day rush hour. The gunman was captured by two Japanese passers-by.

ENEMY BOMBER DESTROYED

BOMBS DROPPED IN NORTH SCOTLAND

LONDON, March 3 (Reuter).—An enemy bomber was yesterday shot down into the sea off the east coast by R.A.F. fighters, says an Air Ministry communique, which reports that there has been little enemy air activity over Britain during daylight.

Bombs, it states, were dropped at places in North Scotland and the east coast but little damage was done and no casualties were reported.

During an offensive reconnaissance on the Dutch and German coasts yesterday afternoon, British aircraft attacked the Dorkum and Hamstede aerodromes and the Harlingen port. No British planes are missing.

Later reports confirm Saturday night's attack on Cologne as most successful. Three British planes are missing.

WEEK'S FIGURES

LONDON, Mar. 3 (EWS).—During the week ended midnight on Saturday, six German aeroplanes were brought down over and around Britain and seven over Europe.

Two British aircraft were lost over and around Britain and 12 in offensive operations against the enemy from this country.

In the Middle East theatre of war, the British Air Force lost six machines and the enemy 50, of which 28 were brought down in the air. Nine enemy aircraft were destroyed on the ground in this theatre of war.

In addition, the Navy accounted for six enemy of which five were brought down in the Central Mediterranean on Feb. 24.

EXTENSION OF P.A.A. SERVICE

SHANGHAI, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Local Foreign Chambers of Commerce have decided to petition Pan American Airways to inaugurate passenger service between Shanghai and Hongkong in the near future, according to the Chinese press here. Pan American Airways were reported to be presently planning to extend its services from Hongkong and Manila to Singapore.

NO INFORMATION

Interviewed by a reporter of the Hongkong Daily Press, Mr. Owen F. Johnson, manager of Pan American Airways in Hongkong, said that he had received no information regarding the inauguration of a service between Shanghai and Hongkong.

He added that such a petition might have been sent to the New York Office and the reaction to the appeal would be released to the Press earlier than the instructions received by the office in Hongkong.

ORDERED TO LEAVE

"At 4,000 feet the captain ordered me to leave. Owing to the



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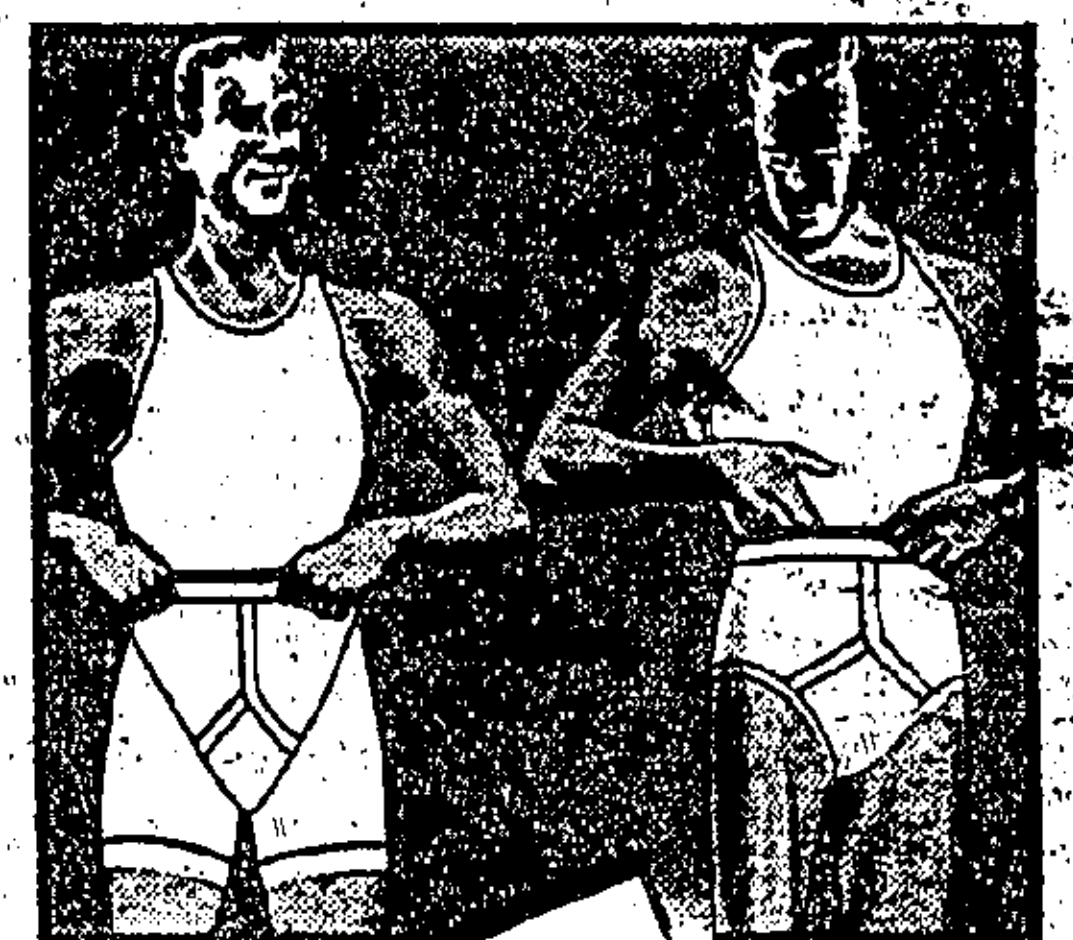
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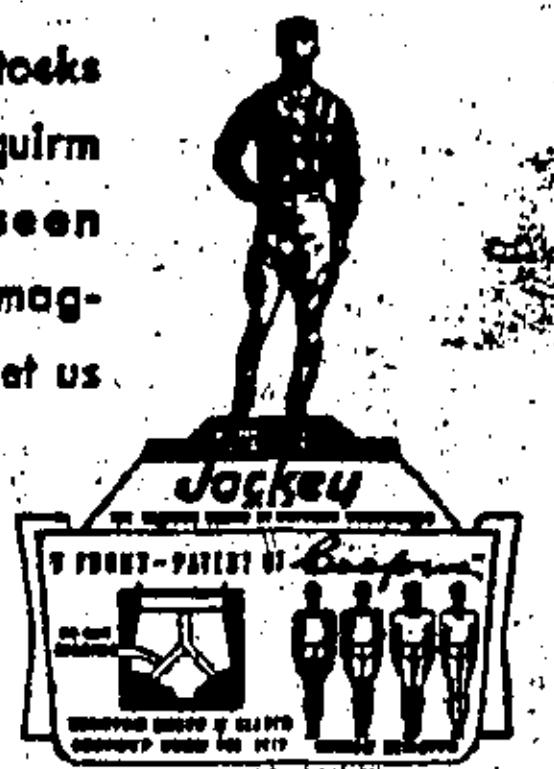
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PILOT BALES OUT, SWIMS SEVEN MILES

The story of a fight for life by a young pilot, who, after falling out, swam for six and a quarter hours covering seven miles, was among the many heard in a factory canteen by 1,500 men and women, engaged in making bomber planes. The pilot, aged 26, was, before the war, settling down in the city of London as a Lloyd's underwriter.

It was told how, while making a night raid, he ran into a bad storm.

He said: "For a few seconds, we were completely out of control, losing height at the rate of 2,000 feet a minute though the nose of the machine was up."

"Because of the thickness of the ice on the windscreen, we were flying blind. We turned for home and soon the port engine packed up. We tried the de-icers without effect."

"The rear-gunner then reported that the port engine was on fire. The rear of his turret was not covered over, however, and he could see two searchlights and two red beacons, which meant the coast."

"At this moment the other engine conked out. We were flying at about 7,000 feet. The captain decided that we would get over the coast and jump."

"A 191-year-old D.F.C. pilot, who how in one of the machines, his harness had made him had raised Germany and Italy 22 times.

LAMMERTS' AUCTIONS

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Tuesday, the 4th March, 1941.

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86 Bales Cotton Yarn
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commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central, Second Floor

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

Comprising—

Teak Desks, Table and Standard Lamps, Pictures, Wall and Table Clocks, Curios, Ornaments, Electric Fan, Geyser, Chinese Hand Paintings, Radio Sets, Carpets and Rugs, etc., etc.

Teak Dining Tables and Chairs, Sideboards, Ice Cream Freezer, Crockery, Glass Ware, Cutlery, Cooking Utensils, Crockery Cupboard, etc.

Single and Double Bedsteads with Mattresses, Dressing Tables, Chests of Drawers, Wardrobes, Chesterfield Couch and Armchairs, etc., etc.

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1 Kodak Super Camera fitted with F 4.5 Super Lens and Compur Shutter

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On View from Wednesday, the 5th March, 1941.

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Clothing, including Blankets and Serge and Duck, etc., Remnants, Electro Plate, Cutlery and Table Linen, etc., etc.

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ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

THEFT OF CLOTHING

Six pawn tickets found in his possession when he was arrested on Saturday led to the appearance of Kwok Ming, 23, unemployed, before Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday on charges of stealing six pieces of clothing, valued at \$58, the property of Tse Kwong-wun, 31, fitter, from a room on the roof of No. 7, Bay View Mansion on Feb. 19 and illegal pawning of same.

Finding guilty, defendant was sentenced to one month's hard labour on each charge, the terms to run consecutively.

Sub-Ins. W. L. Clark prosecuted.

LION PROCESSION

Alleged to have carried out an unlicensed lion procession in Queen's Road East on Saturday on their way to worship at a gull, Tse Mei, 30, Chung Liu-fat, 20, both unemployed, Lui Wing, 29, bill poster, and Cheung Chung, 32, theatre attendant, were summoned before Mr. Lowry yesterday with causing obstruction on the road.

Pleading guilty, first defendant was fined \$5 or 10 days, second and third defendants \$2 or four days each, while fourth defendant, who pleaded not guilty, was discharged.

COOLIE FINED

Charged with keeping the first floor of No. 20, Tai Yuen Street as a common gaming house for the purpose of "ise fa" on Mar. 1, Wan Sau, 51, coolie, was fined \$20 or 21 days' hard labour by Mr. Lowry yesterday.

Defendant pleaded that he did not run the lottery, but was merely employed there.

Det.-Sgt. Willson prosecuted.

POSSESSION OF PINE TREES

Sentence of two months' hard labour was imposed on Leung Wing, 22, dock coolie, by Mr. Lowry yesterday for having in possession 22 pine trees, valued at \$110, at No. 32 Government Plantation, Shaukiwan, on Mar. 2.

Leung had one previous conviction. Wan Shing, 43, boiler maker, charged with having 21 pine trees valued at \$105, was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

Mr. J. R. Cary, supervisor of the Botanical and Forestry Department, prosecuted in each case.

DESERTED FROM R.N.Y.P.

Berthel Alexander Mackenzie, 24, of No. 27, Lock Road, first floor, Kowloon, appeared before Mr. Lowry yesterday charged with alleged desertion from the Royal Naval Yard Police on Oct. 15 last when he was duly engaged to serve for a period of six years.

Prosecuting Insp. A. B. Allan of the R.N.Y.P. said that Mackenzie failed to report for duty on the night of that day and had not been seen since until he was arrested on Saturday. Previous to this he had filed a notice of

Witness Alleges Insp. Did Not Keep Word Regarding His Release

"I received no threats from anybody throughout, except that the Inspector did not keep his word regarding my release."

"He said that after I gave my evidence in Court, I would be released."

These words were uttered by LI YAT-SING, 42, broker, when he was re-examined by Mr. Hin-shing Lo, for the prosecution, at the continued hearing yesterday of the case in which LUI FOOK-WING, alias Kong Keung, 45, broker, and LI WAI-SING, alias Li Pang, 37, unemployed, are charged with uttering a forged document on June 18, 1940, purporting to be the will of the late Lau Mau, obtaining a loan of \$3,000 on mortgage of the property mentioned in the will, and causing rent on the property to be collected, knowing the will to have been forged.

First defendant is additionally charged with making a false affidavit at the Supreme Court in a petition for probate and conspiring with others to forge the document.

The case, which is for committal, is being heard before Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy.

Li Yat-sing was previously arrested in connection with the case, but was discharged when the prosecution offered no evidence against him. Turning King's evidence at the last hearing, he said that he was one of the two signa-

tores of the will in question as witnesses at the request of second defendant.

Det. Sub-Ins. C. H. Goodwin is appearing on behalf of the Police. Mr. Hin-shing Lo was instructed by Mr. S. Ng Quinn while both defendants were represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva.

CONSPIRACY DENIED

Cross-examined by Mr. Silva, Li denied that he had conspired with complainant, who is Lau Lam-shi, daughter-in-law of deceased, and Lau Hi-kai for monetary purpose to take the property away from first defendant after he had failed to obtain \$1,000 from the latter.

Asked why he did not give himself up to the Police earlier, Li replied that he was frightened that he might be involved.

Mr. Silva: Were you so frightened that you said something which was not true in order to be freed?—Everything that I said is the truth.

Did you know the two women before they came to see you?—No. Did you know that without you, they would never have discovered this case and would never have brought this case to Court?—Yes.

I put it to you that the alleged meetings between you and the defendants are entirely untrue.—They may say that it is untrue, but I say it is true.

Further hearing was fixed for Mar. 24 at 11.30 a.m.

ching, 33, farmer, were charged with uttering a 5-cent counterfeit coin at Kowloon, was fixed for Saturday at 11.30 a.m. by Mr. Macnamara yesterday.

First accused was additionally charged with possession of five 6-cent counterfeit coins and mould which might have been used to make the coins.

Det.-Sgt. N.B. Fraser was in charge of the case.

TO STAND TRIAL

Alleged to have robbed Leung Hau-ching, 20, woman, of a piece of cloth, Tsang Chun-ling, 23, was committed to stand trial at the Next Criminal Sessions by Major Macfadyen yesterday.

It was alleged that while complainant was walking along Prince Edward Road on Feb. 21 when defendant caught hold of her and tried to snatch a gold ring from her. In the struggle accused was alleged to have struck complainant on her mouth. Defendant, who got away with a piece of cloth, was arrested by two passers-by.

Det.-Sgt. C. Dowman was in charge of the case.

PHILCO RADIO SET SUBJECT OF DISPUTE

PLAINTIFF AWARDED DAMAGES & COSTS

The case in which a Philco radio set formed the subject of dispute was concluded before the Police Judge, Mr. Justice R. H. Williams, at the Summary Court yesterday when judgment for \$20 damages with costs were awarded the plaintiff, Mrs. Mary Young, of No. 182 Queen's Road East, top floor.

Defendants were the Kwong Ming Radio and Electrical Co., of No. 75 Hennessy Road, dealers in radios and electrical goods. Defendants were represented by Mr. C. D'Almada.

According to the statement of claim, plaintiff had purchased on Aug. 12 the radio set at \$110 and which was installed at plaintiff's house. On Aug. 15, during the plaintiff's temporary absence from her residence, defendant or their servants or agents, unlawfully removed the set. Plaintiff therefore claimed (a) damages for trespass; (b) the return of the Philco set or \$110, its value; (c) damages for detention; and (d) costs of the action.

The defence was that the radio set was removed by the defendants with the knowledge and consent of the plaintiff.

POLICE MEDALS AWARDED

The Colonial Police Long Service Medal has been awarded to the following members of the Police Force, according to an announcement in the Government Gazette:

European Contingent.—Sub-Inspector Ronald Robert McEwen, Robert Cunningham, Harry Edward Langley, John O'Donovan, Charles Poyntz, Philip Kelle, William Ritchie, John Joseph Walsh, Leonard Tyler, Albert Joseph Johnson, Michael Joseph Flattery, John Mitchell, Timothy Collins, Jack Goddard and Harry Ernest Rogers.

Indian Contingent.—Inspector Ali Mohamed; Police Sergeants Feroze Shah, Bachan Singh, Sarwan Singh, Prem Singh, Bachan Singh, Joginder Singh, Basant Singh; Lance Sergeants Sayed Mohamed, Sonda Khan, Nahir Singh; Constable Sale Mohamed.

Cantonese Contingent.—Lance Sergeants Wu Kam, So Kwong, Wong Kat, Ma Shu, Constables Chu Hong, Leung Yun, Mok Yik, To Yung.

Welsh Contingent.—Inspector Chiang Jen Yu. First Bar to the Colonial Police Long Service Medal: Chief Detective Inspector Michael Murphy, Sergeant 608 Lo Ki and Lance Sergeant 329 Wong Kee.

RADIO PROGRAMME

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Cygne (Saint-Saens); Moment Musica (Schubert)—Pablo Casals (Cello, with Piano, Waltz from "The Sleeping Beauty" (Tchaikovsky)—Marek Weber and His Orchestra—Sofy Awakes My Heart (from "Samson and Delilah"—Saint-Saens)—Mlle. Cernay (Soprano) and Georges Thill (Tenor) with Orchestra, Liebestraum, No. 3 (Liszt)—Marek Weber and His Orchestra, "Le Coq d'Or"—Hymn to the Sun (Rimsky-Korsakov)—Mitscha Elman (Violin) with Piano, Hark! Hark! The Lark (Schubert); Who is Sylvia? (Schubert)—Mistress E. Knight (Roy Soprano) with Piano; Marche Militaire (Schubert)—San Francisco Symphony Orch. Waltz in C Sharp Minor, Op. 64, No. 2 (Chopin)—Arthur Rubinstein (Piano), Solov's Song (Peer Gynt—Grieg)—Mavis Bennett (Sop. with Piano), Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2 (Liszt)—Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski.

9.00 London Relay—The News. 9.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

9.30 Studio—Talk by Colonel H.B. Holt, O.B.E., M.C., on "Italian Somaliland".

9.45 Scottish Songs.

The Lex Big (arr. Burnett)—Robert Burnett (Baritone) with Piano, The Banks of Allan Water (Old Scottish Ballad)—Muriel Brunsell (Contralto) with Piano, Willie's Game to Melville Castle (Stephen and Burnett)—Robert Burnett (Baritone) with Piano.

9.45 News in French (on Short Wave Only).

10.05 Ignaz Friedman et the Piano, Viennese Dance No. 2 (Friedman-Gaertner); Viennese Dance No. 1 (Friedman-Gaertner)—Minuetto from

Suite (Bak. Op. 21); Berceuse (Chopin).

10.08 Elgar—Concerto in B Minor, Op. 61.

1st Mov. Allegro; 2nd Mov. Andante; 3rd Mov. Allegro molto—Cadenza—Adagio—Allegro molto—Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Edward Elgar.

11.00 Close down.

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NEWS IN ENGLISH

Transmission I—News Summary
Full Bulletin 4.00 p.m.
Full Bulletin 5.00 p.m.
Transmission V—News Summary
Full Bulletin 6.00 p.m.
Full Bulletin 7.00 p.m.
Full Bulletin 8.00 p.m.
Full Bulletin 9.00 p.m.
Full Bulletin 10.00 p.m.
Full Bulletin 11.00 p.m.

Transmission II—News Summary
Full Bulletin 1.00 a.m.
Full Bulletin 2.00 a.m.
Full Bulletin 3.00 a.m.

A 40-year old Chinese woman was killed at 8 a.m. yesterday when she was buried under a wall which suddenly collapsed in Pak Wah Street. The wall was part of a building under construction at No. 189, Pak Wah Street.



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POLICE REPORTS

Mr. T.C. Fabburn, of No. 10 Felix Villas, has reported to the Police of the theft of a quantity of clothing from car No. 3018 parked in Ice House Street on Sunday.

Mr. P.B. Wilson, of the Motor Department of Messrs. Dodwell and Company, reports that a electric horn, valued at \$45, was stolen from his car while it was parked in Jardine's Alley on Sunday.

Capt. A.G. Hewitt, of Middlesex Regiment, Nanking Barracks, has reported the loss of \$45 worth of clothing on Sunday.

CANADA TO CHANGE ITS ARMY'S NAME

Canada is to change the name of its land forces. Hitherto they have been known as "Militia," but Colonel J. L. Ralston, the Dominion's National Defence Minister, announces that authority to change the title to "Canadian Army" will be sought at the next session of Parliament.

When the change is approved the designation of the Non-Permanent Active Militia will disappear, and it is probable the name "Canadian Active Service Force" will also be dropped. "The Canadian Army" under the new title may simply be divided into two classes, "active" and "reserve."

CAMPAIGN TO DESTROY POISONOUS SNAKES

A campaign for the destruction of poisonous snakes has been organised by the Urumpil Health Association with the help of the Malayan Urumpil Union. The expenditure of a sum of Rs. 62 as rewards for destroying 139 snakes was referred to in the report of the Secretary of the Association, which was read at a public meeting held recently in connexion with a Health Exhibition organised by the Department of Medical and Sanitary Services under the auspices of the Association, and opened by Lady Ramanathan.

Speaking from the chair, Mr. C. Ponnambalam, Chairman of the Jaffna Urban Council, said it was a shame Jaffna was backward in health, and that its death rate and maternity and infant mortality rates were the highest in the island.

The President of the Association, however, Mr. S. R. Gnanaratnam, declared amid laughter that the soil of Urumpil produced healthy and beautiful brides, in consequence of which it attracted many bridegrooms from the different parts of the Peninsula, and the health activities in which the Association was engaged were making the women still more beautiful.

A "CHENDU"

Lady Ramanathan and Mr. Ponnambalam were met by the leading residents of the place, and conducted in procession from the Urumpil junction to the venue of the Exhibition. Lady Ramanathan was presented with a "chendu," while Mr. Ponnambalam and Dr. S. C. Thurai Rajah, Medical Officer of Health were garlanded. The proceedings, which took place on the grounds, began with the singing of a welcome song in Tamil by three school girls.

Mr. S. R. Gnanaratnam, President of the Association, made the remarks referred to earlier in welcoming Lady Ramanathan, Mr. Ponnambalam and Dr. Thurai Rajah.

On being invited by the Chairman to declare the Exhibition open, Lady Ramanathan said that the health of the people was most important. Unless they were healthy they could not put forward their best efforts in any direction. She hoped that the various health exhibitions in the different villages would bring prominently before everyone the need for daily care in all the simple matters of the household.

Lady Ramanathan then cut the ribbon drawn across the Exhibition hall and expressed the hope that that Exhibition would yield abundant fruit.

BACKWARD IN HEALTH

The Chairman, deplored the fact that the Jaffna Town and the district were backward in health as compared with the other parts of the island. The Jaffna district was most advanced in the island, he said, in point of literacy and education, and the people of Jaffna were the brain of the island.

The public services were manned by a very large number of them; so much so that one of the leading officers stated some time ago that the Government of the country could not be carried on without the brain of the Jaffna Tamil. "But what is the use," asked the speaker, "of all this intellectual advancement if we do not enjoy sound health?"

It was a shame that Jaffna was backward in health, and its death rate, maternity rate and infant mortality rate were the highest in the island. One could not be happy and contented unless one was healthy.

Referring to Dr. Thurai Rajah, whom he called upon to speak on rural sanitation, Mr. Ponnambalam said, that Dr. Thurai Rajah was doing more service to the people of Jaffna than politicians like himself (the speaker) and their State Councillors. What the country needed today was service and not words said Mr. Ponnambalam.

Dr. Thurai Rajah, before speaking on Rural Sanitation, congratulated the Association on the very good work it was doing in that village. The speaker made an earnest appeal to the women to look after the health of the members of their household, whose lives he reminded them, were in their hands.

Chungking And Foreign Exchange

VAGUE WORDING OF OFFICIAL RULING

CHUNGKING, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—It was officially stated last night that the Central Bank, under instructions from the Ministry of Finance, can resume buying and selling of foreign exchange to meet legitimate requirements.

Previously foreign exchange could be obtained in Shanghai and Hongkong on approved applications, and the new ruling will make foreign exchange available to the public in the interior of China at both the official and commercial rates.

Since the wording of the official statement is so vague, it is impossible to ascertain the motive behind the action.

One Chinese source claims that the step will minimise the importance of Hongkong and Shanghai in foreign exchange dealings since hereafter it will not be necessary for foreign firms to apply in Hongkong and Shanghai to obtain foreign exchange but may do so in Chungking.

Another theory is that the action may lead to the removal of the Chinese Stabilisation Fund control body from Hongkong and Shanghai to Chungking, while another theory claims that it may result in the eventual withdrawal of the Central Bank from foreign exchange dealings in Shanghai and Hongkong.

THE DODECANESE ISLANDS

By R. N. RUDDOCK BROWN

On its western edge the high plateau of Anatolia, in Asia Minor, which politically is the chief part of modern Turkey, breaks down into a series of long peninsulas extending into the Aegean Sea. Beyond to the west is the island-studded sea. The whole of this sea, its coasts and its islands, may be regarded as Grecian both linguistically and historically. The Aegean Sea is a Grecian lake. But it is also a highway, and from time to time other Powers have impinged on its borders. In the southeast, off the coast of Anatolia, a long festoon of islands called the Dodecanese is one of Italy's least-known overseas possessions.

As the name implies, there are twelve main islands, but there are also many smaller islets in the group. From north to south the twelve main islands are Patmos, Leros, Kalymnos, Kos, Astypalia, Rhodos, Symi, Tilos, Chalki, Mytilos, Karpathos, and Kasos.

Italy has changed several of these names or modified their spelling, but she has been unable to change the Greek traditions of centuries, so the Greek names may well stand. Few of these islands are large; most are only ten to twenty square miles in area. Rhodes, with 545 square miles, is the largest; Kos, with 112 square miles, comes next. The total area of the group is only a little over 1,000 square miles.

SEVERAL LOFTY

Several of the islands are lofty, rising to three or four thousand feet in gentle slopes, but there is flat land around many coasts. With varying structure, the islands have different values. Some are made of ancient crystalline rock and yield poor soil and are little cultivated except in the valleys. Others, built of limestone, tend to be arid in the most rainfall

of the Mediterranean climate, but others again with newer clays or volcanic soils which hold the water, give abundant opportunities for cultivation. Thus there is a great variety of produce, though it is irregularly distributed.

Barley and vines do well; the olive, almond, and fig, and even the date palm, are cultivated in places. There is a little tobacco and some vegetables. Goats thrive on the drier ground and sheep manage to survive; cattle are scarce, as always is the case in the Mediterranean, with its lack of summer verdure.

In view of the relatively limited food production the population is surprisingly large, rather over 140,000, who are nearly all Greeks, with a few Jews. There are said to be 12 per cent of Italians apart from armed forces. In addition to subsistence agriculture there are several other industries, of which sponge fishing is the most important. This has fallen from its old prosperity, probably because of the introduction of diving dress, which temporarily increased the output, has depleted resources.

VOLCANIC SOILS

Then, too, there is some octopus fishing, some silk manufacture, a little pottery-making, and some wine manufacture, the last on volcanic soils which favour the output. True to their age-long traditions, the outcome of circumstances, many of the inhabitants are town-dwellers, for the islands have had trading communities for many centuries.

Rhodes, on the island of that name, has a population of 27,000, and Calos 15,000. Among the urban population Jews are numer-

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ous. Patmos is famed for the monastery founded in the eleventh century, and Kos had an ancient city of fame.

The islands have a long and varied history and were likely enough outposts of the Minoans in the declining years of their civilisation, but they have always been pre-eminently Greek. In 1308, however, Knights Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem installed themselves at Rhodes and claimed until dispossessed by the Turks in 1522.

TURKISH RULE

Under Turkish rule there was some prosperity and eventually a measure of autonomy, but the population fell in numbers. During the war with Turkey in 1912 Italy seized the islands, and she gained sovereignty over them in 1924, but Greece has never abandoned hope of regaining her rule over those outlying crests. The

value of the islands as a naval base must not be overlooked.

The harbours are small but good, and among the group a fleet might lurk. As a source of supplies, however, the islands could have little value. There are no railways, and only a few roads of value.—(Manchester Guardian).

At the Moose Jaw Stockyards during the January-November period of last year marked increases were shown—as compared with the corresponding period of 1939—in the receipts of hogs (143.5 per cent increase), cattle (18.5 per cent) and calves (29.5 per cent). Number of animals received are officially reported as follows: Cattle 63,100 head (compared with 63,243 during 1939); calves 6,428 (4,982); hogs 74,824 (59,723); sheep 97,241 (94,577); horses 8,399 (10,298).

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

MONDAY 3 MARCH							
Buyer	Seller	Size	Notes	Buyer	Seller	Size	Notes
Banks							
\$1335	\$1350		H.K. Bank			\$132	
			Do. (Col. Reg.)			\$78	
			Do. (Lon. Reg.)			\$73	
			Chartered Bank			\$77	
			Mercantile Bks. "A"			\$23	
			Mercantile Bks. "C"			\$23	
			Bank of East Asia			\$11	
			N. C. & S. Banks				
Insurance							
			Canton Insurance			\$215	
			Union Insurance			\$413	
			Underwriters			\$0	
			H.K. Fire			\$170	
Shipping							
			Douglas			\$125	
			Steamboats			\$81	
			Indo-China (Pref.)			\$100	
			Indo-China (Def.)			\$60	
			Shells			\$4/4	
			Waterboats			\$7	
			Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.				
			H.K. & K. Wharves			\$96	
			Provident (Old)			\$174	
			H.K. Docks (New)			\$17	
			Shanghai Docks			\$263	
			Mining				
			Kailas			17/0	
			Ranhs			\$9	
			Hong Kong Mines				
			Lands, Hotels and Buildings				
			H.K. & S. Hotels			\$3.30	
			H.K. Lands			\$314	
			Do. 4% Debentures				
			Shanghai Lands			\$31	
			H.K. Realities			\$6.80	
			Humphreys				
			Chinese Estates				
			Cotton Mills				
			Ewo (S.)			\$401	
			Shai Cottons (S.)			\$200	
			Zong Sing (S.)				
			Wing On Textiles (S)				
			Public Utilities				
			H.K. Tramways			\$164	
			Peak Trams (old)			\$7.40	
			Peak Trams (new)			\$32	
			Star Ferries			\$57	
			Y'mah Ferries			\$22.60	
			China Lights (O)			\$6.15	
			China Lights (New)			\$1.65	
			H.K. Electric (Old)			\$41.65	
			H.K. Electric (New)			\$41.65	
			Macao Electric (Old)				
			Macao Electric (New)				
			Sandakan Lights			\$34	
			Telephones (old)			\$10	
			Telephones (new)				
			Spore Traders (Ord)				
			Industrials				
			Cald. Mac. (Ord.)				
			Cald. Mac. (Pref.)				
			Canton Ice			75 cts	
			Cement			\$17.40	
			H.K. Hope			\$8.45	
			H.K. Gov. Loans				
			4% Loan			\$77	
			3 1/2% (1934)			\$95	
			3 1/2% (1940)				
Miscellaneous							
			Dairy Farms			\$7.10	
			Entertainments				
			Constructions (old)			\$1.85	
			Constructions (new)				
			Lane Crawford			\$71	
			Nanyang Tobacco			\$2.80	
			Sincere			\$2.15	
			Walsons			\$10.70	
			Ch. G. S. 1925 G.S.B.			\$57	
			H.K. Wing On			\$23	
			Wing On			\$14	
			Margaret Inv. (Lon)			\$3	
			Margaret Inv. (H.K.)				
			Wm. Poyell			\$1.90	
			China Light (Bights)				

LOG CABINS FOR THE DESTITUTE CHILDREN

The first of a series of Swiss chalets (log cabins) which are to house destitute French children during the winter months, was inaugurated near Lyons recently.

The construction of the chalets will be financed by Swiss interests, under the sponsorship of the well-known Swiss author, Pierre Ramus. All the chalets will be built on French soil.

On the other hand, 28 Swiss writers, among whom are Gonzague de Reynold, Denis de Rougemont, J. P. Zimmermann, Leon Bopp and Clarisse Francillon, have published a selection of poems and prose dedicated to France.

SPIRITUAL CONTACT

The spiritual contact between France and Switzerland is as strong as ever, despite France's present difficulties.

Louis Jouvet, well-known French actor and producer, is now in Basle directing a film based on Moliere's comedy "The School for Women."

The entire Swiss press is watching his work with keen interest, and is unanimously of the opinion that the film, when completed, will prove to be one of the best European productions in recent years.

Nearly 50 per cent of British Columbia coal, mined during October last, came from Vancouver Island. The provincial total was 131,820 tons, of which 64,750 tons came from the island. In the corresponding month of 1939 the totals were, respectively, 130,715 and 66,184 tons.

Mink predominated among fur-bearing animals born on Alberta farms during 1939, accounting for 50,154 out of a total of 74,156. Silver fox was next in importance with 21,401 animals born. The 822 farms realized \$31,385 through the sale of 3,631 live animals (including 2,923 mink valued at \$51,378) and \$22,213 through the sale of 57,644 pelts, including 30,848 mink valued at \$241,403 and 22,593 silver fox skins at \$380,717.

LARGER RUBBER STOCK IN MALAYA

The relief that has been given to the shipping problem by the steps taken coupled with the tension that is again developing in the Eastern theatre is reflected in the price which has shown an appreciable advance, and demand for nears should continue in direct proportion to the space available, says the weekly rubber market report of Messrs. Lewis and Peat, Ltd.

Bookings are permitted at the present rate until the 1st of April when an increase of 25 per cent. will finally become operative. Non-Conference vessels may also be used during this period if they are available.

FAIR VOLUME

All things considered with holidays both in Malaya and America to interrupt, business has been moderately good; a fair volume of rubber has found its way into the exporters' godowns and dealers have been able to take up the slack so that estates have not suffered from any lack of buyers for their rubber.

An increase of 11,450 tons in Colony Stocks is reported for January, and this may be further increased this month but not so much as was at one time thought, and the position should soon readjust itself.

Important legislation has just been introduced under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act in the publication of a War Risk (Goods) Insurance Scheme, in which a Fund will be built up to meet the risk of loss or damage under war conditions. The introduction of this measure is of considerable importance to all holders of rubber stocks throughout the country.

During the year ended May 31 last total sales of nursery stock reported by 89 commercial nurseries in Canada had a wholesale value of \$250,551. Apple trees to the number of 392,158 and valued at \$101,855, comprised the largest single item. Of these, 59,462 were of early varieties valued at \$16,252; 71,523 of fall varieties valued at \$20,870; 239,028 of winter varieties valued at \$59,156; 22,154 crab apple valued at \$5,577.

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Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/4	Credits 4 months' sight
On Shanghai:—	On demand 425
On Singapore:—	On demand 52 3/4
On Japan:—	On demand 102 1/2
On India:—	Telegraphic Transfer 52 1/2
and demand	On New York:—
Bank Bills, on demand 54 1/4	Credits, 60 days' sight 55
On Batavia:—	On demand 45 1/2
On Paris:—	Bank Bills, on demand Nom.
Credits 4 months' sight Nom.	On Saigon:—
On demand 105	On Manila:—
On demand 48 1/2	On Bangkok:—
On demand 149 1/2	On Sterling Notes:—
Bank Buying Rate ... Nom.	Bar Silver per oz. ... 33 3/8

Market Report

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Monday, Mar. 3.
Silver prices were unchanged over the week-end, the quotations remaining at 23 3/8 for Ready and 23 5/16 for Forward. American Silver was unquoted.
The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403 1/2.

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There were sellers at 1/3 March-June, buyers at 1/3 1/32 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

A small transaction was reported at 24 1/2 for March. The market closed with sellers at 24 1/2 for Cash, buyers at 24 9/16 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

The highest rate touched was 439 1/2. Business was arranged at 439 and 438 1/2. The market closed with sellers for Spot at 439, buyers at 440.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Opened with sellers of Sterling at 3 27/64 and U. S. Dollars at 5 19/32. Subsequently the rate receded at 3 13/32 and 5 9/16. Last advices indicated sellers of Sterling at 3 27/64 and U. S. Dollars at 5 19/32 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

Steady for Sterling but U. S. Dollars were slightly easier.

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 March-June, buyers at 1/3 1/32 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

Some business was arranged at 24 1/2 for March. The market closed with a possible seller at 24 7/16 for Cash, buyers at 24 1/2 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

440 was offered at the opening and at the close, there were sellers at 443 1/2.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling opened with sellers at 3 13/32 and closed at 3 25/64. U. S. Dollars opened at 5 9/16 and closed at 5 17/32 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Mar. 3 (Reuters)

Official T.T. Rates

	Opening	Closing
London	0/3-3/8	0/3-3/8
New York	5-1/2	5-1/2
Japan	23-3/8	23-3/8
India	18-3/4	18-3/4
Paris	nominal	nominal
Hongkong	22-3/8	22-3/8
Sterling		
	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/3-27/64	0/3-25/64
Mar.	0/3-27/64	0/3-25/64
April	0/3-13/32	0/3-3/8
U.S. Dollars		
	Opening	Closing
Spot	55-19/32	55-17/32
Mar.	5-19/32	5-17/32
April	5-9/16	5-1/2
Market	Uncertain	

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/20.
The Equalisation rate was 24 per cent.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTERS SERVICE)

NEW YORK, March 1, 1941.

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, May	10.43	10.38	10.40	01 up
New York Rubber, May	20.75	20.74	20.75	08 off
Chicago Wheat, May	83 1/2	82 1/2	83 1/2	1 off
Chicago Corn, May	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	1 off
New York Hides, June	13.45	13.21	13.28	09 up

NEW YORK COTTON
March 10.43/43 10.42b/44a 10.43/43 unch.
May 10.40/40 10.41b/40a 10.41/41 01 up
July 10.30/30 10.29/29 10.31/32 01 up
October 9.92/92 9.95/94 9.95 N 03 up
December 9.91/91 9.91/91 9.94/94 03 up
January 9.88 N 9.87b/90a 9.93 N 05 up
Spot 10.94 10.90 04 off

Total sales Friday—41,700 bales.
The last notice day for March Cotton is 14/3/41

NEW YORK RUBBER
May 20.76/76 20.70b/90a 20.70b/75a 06 off
July (New contract) 20.28/28 20.15b/40a 20.20b/25a 08 off
September 20.08/08 19.95b/20.20a 20.00b/10a 08 off
December 19.91 N 20.00 A 19.83 N 08 off

CHICAGO WHEAT
May 83 1/2/83 1/2 83 1/2/83 1/2 1 off
July 79 1/2/79 1/2 79 1/2/79 1/2 1 up
September 79 1/2/79 1/2 79 1/2/79 1/2 unch.

Friday's sales—15,052,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN
May 60 1/2/60 1/2 60 1/2/60 1/2 1 off
July 60 1/2/60 1/2 60 1/2/60 1/2 1 off
September 60 1/2/60 1/2 60 1/2/60 1/2 unch.

NEW YORK HIDES
June 13.26/28 13.33/33 13.35/36 09 up
September 13.25b/35a 13.33/36

Total sales for the day—32 contracts

NEW YORK COCOA
May 6.12 N 6.11b/13a 6.18 N 06 up

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3
May 2.25b/26a 2.24b/25a 01 off
July 2.29b/30a 2.29b/30a unch.

Volume of business done—161 lots

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4
May 76 1/2b/77a 76 1/2b/78a 76 1/2b/77a unch.
July 81 1/2/81 08b/81a

Volume of business done—64 lots

NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES
July 11.68b/72a 11.63b/78a 11.73b/80a 05 up
N.Y. Official Silver 34-3/4 unquoted
N.Y.-London Cross Rate 4.03-3/4 4.03-1/2

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTERS SERVICE)

London, Feb. 28.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

	£
War Loan, 3 1/2 (Reg. after 1952)	103 1/2
Defence Loan, 3 1/2	101-5/16
Canton-Kloon Rly. 5 1/2	11
Chinese 4 1/2 Gold Loan 1893 (Brit. Issue)	42
Chinese 5 1/2 Gold Bonds 1925/47	40-44
Chin. 4 1/2 Anglo-French Loan, 1908	45
Chinese 5 1/2 Crisp Loan 1912	24
Chinese 5 1/2 Reorg. Loan 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	31
Chinese 8 1/2 Ster. Notes 1925 (Vickers)	8-10
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5 1/2 Loan	47
Honan Rly. 5 1/2	14
Sukuang Rly. 5 1/2, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	14
Sukuang Rly. 5 1/2, 1911 (German Issue)	12
Lung Tsing & U. Hail Rly. 5 1/2, 1913	12
S'hai-N'K'ing Rly. 5 1/2	14
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5 1/2 (Brit. Stpd.)	12
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5 1/2 (German Stpd.)	12
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5 1/2 (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	12
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5 1/2 (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	12
Jap. 6 1/2 Ster. Loan, 1924	23 1/2-26
Jap. 7 1/2 Intl. Loan, 1924	74
Chartered Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	73
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.)	76
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	17-1/2
Chosen Corporation	47-1/2
Mercantile Bank of India	11-1/8
Pekin Syndicate	1/6
S'hai Elec. Constr. Co.	12/6
S'hai Waterworks "A"	12
Union Insurance	24
Gula Kalumpung Rubber	15/9
Lon. Mid. & Scot. Rly.	12 1/2
Great Western Rly.	33 1/2
National Bank of India	32
B.A. Tob. (bearer)	39/4
Dunlop Rubber	32/7 1/2
Bristol Aeroplane	10/1 1/2

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

The market was both dull and uninteresting.

	Providents, \$5.75
Lights, \$6.15	
BUYERS	
Trams, \$16.75	
SALES	
H.K. Banks, \$1340	
Wharves, \$95	
Electric (O), \$41.50	
Telephones (O), \$24	
Dairy Farms, \$18.25	

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Monday, March 3, 1941.

	SALES
China Lights (O)	300 \$ 8.15
China Lights Rts	75 0.65
H.K. Docks (O)	100 17.45
Dairy Farms	100 18.25
H.K. Hotels	500 3.40
H.K. Telephones (O)	200 24.00
Ropes	1,000 8.10
A.S. Watsons	500 10.65

*Sales on Saturday, March 1.
The total value is \$27,133.75.
Govt. Loans 4% \$5,000 at 97%.

At the recent convention of the Province of Quebec Association of Breeders of Fur-Bearing Animals in Montreal, Mr. C. C. Holman, secretary-treasurer of the association, reported that the province is now leading in the breeding of blue-gray platinum foxes. This type of fox had been developed as a breed in Quebec Province, Mr. Holman said, and he urged continued specialization.

Imperial Chemical Ind.	30/1 1/2
United Steel	21/1 1/2
Woolworths	62/8
Maramat Investments	5/3
Western Holdings	9/9
Sub-Niger	146/3
Shell Trans. & Trad.	44/4 1/2
(bearer)	44/4 1/2
bid	44/4 1/2

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTERS SERVICE)

MARCH 2, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Adams Express	51 1/2	Loew's Inc.	32
Allegheny Steel Co.	24 1/2	Loft Incorporated	17 1/2
Allis Chalmers	29 1/2	Mack Truck Inc.	27 1/2
Aluminum Ltd.	73 1/2	Martin, Glen L.	25 1/2
Amer. Can.	85	McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	25 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	34	Montgomery Ward	33 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Pwr.	13 1/2	M'tain City Copper Co.	3
Amer. Locomotive	16 1/2	National Aviation	8 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	17 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2
Amer. Radiator	64	National Distillers	21
Amer. Rolling Mill	13 1/2	National Lead	16 1/2
Amer. S'ing and Ring Co.	40 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	6 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	15 1/2	National Supply Corp.	5 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	160 1/2	New York Central	12 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	69 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	2 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	6	N. American Aviation	13 1/2
Anacosta Copper	24 1/2	North American Co.	15 1/2
Atchafalpa T. & S. Fe.	23	Northern Pacific	6 1/2
Aviation Corp.	3 1/2	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	43 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	15	Pacific Gas & Elec.	26 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	3 1/2	Packard Motors	2 1/2
Barber Asphalt Co.	8 1/2	Pan-American Airways	12 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	3 1/2	Paramount Pictures	10 1/2
Bendix Aviation	34 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	23 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	78 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	36
Bliss & Co.	18 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	27 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	15 1/2	Pullman Inc.	24 1/2
Borg-Warner	18 1/2	Pure Oil	7 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	21 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	4 1/2
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	4	Reading Company, Com.	13 1/2
Canadian Pacific R'way	3 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	4 1/2
Case, J.I.	45 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	3 1/2
Celanese	20 1/2	Republic Steel	18 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	23 1/2	Revere Corp.	8 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	65 1/2	Reynold Tobac. "B"	32 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	4 1/2	Safeway Stores	38 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	30	Schenley Distillers	9 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	11 1/2	Sears Roebuck	7 1/2
Consolidated Edison	21 1/2	Shell Union Oil	11 1/2
Consolidated Oil	5 1/2	Socomey-Vacuum Oil	8 1/2
Continental Can	37 1/2	Southern Pacific	9
Continental Oil	17 1/2	Southern Rly. \$5 pfd.	21 1/2
Copperweld Steel	14 1/2	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	32 1/2
Curtis Wright (C.)	8 1/2	Standard Brands	6 1/2
Curtis Wright "A"	26 1/2	Stand Gas & Elec.	7 1/2
Deere & Co.	20 1/2	Standard Oil of California	18 1/2
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	16 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	34 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	71 1/2	Stone & Webster	6 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	144 1/2	Studebaker Com.	6 1/2
Eagle Pitch Lead	9 1/2	Swift International	17 1/2
Eaton Mfg. Co.	32	Technicolor	9
Elec. Autolite	30 1/2	Texas Corp.	35 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	54	Texas Gulf Sulphur	35 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pfd.	54	Timken-Axle	32 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$8 pfd.	61	Trans-America Co.	4 1/2
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pfd.	30 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	5 1/2
Elktokote	13 1/2	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	10 1/2
Gen. American Trans.	50 1/2	Union Carbide & Carbon	64 1/2
Gen. Electric	32 1/2	Union Pacific	78 1/2
Gen. Motors	43 1/2	United Aircraft	38 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	13 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	11
Gen. Tire & Rubber	11 1/2	United Corp.	25 1/2
Glidden Co.	12 1/2	United Corp. \$3 cum pfd.	25 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.)	13 1/2	United Gas Corp.	7 1/2
Goodrich \$5 pfd.	58 1/2	United Gas Improvement	8 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Co.	17 1/2	U.S. Industrial Alcohol	23 1/2
Great Northern Iron Ore	14 1/2	U.S. Rubber	20 1/2
Great Northern Rly. pfd.	24	U.S. Rubber \$8 pfd.	86 1/2
Great Western Sugar	23 1/2	U.S. Smelting	58 1/2
Greyhound Corp.	11	U.S. Steel	28
Hercules Powder Co.	68 1/2	Vanadium	6 1/2
Homestake Mining	54 1/2	Voltec Aircraft	5
Int. Nickel	24 1/2	Walworth Co.	5
Inter. Paper & Power	13 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	3
Int. Tel. & Tel.	2 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	95 1/2
Kennerly Copper	58 1/2	Woodward Iron Corp.	28 1/2
Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	32 1/2	Chase National Bank	30 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft	25 1/2	National City Bank	28 1/2
		Libby, Monell & Libby	—

DOW JONES AVERAGE

	1940/41	High	Low	Dow Jones Averages	Feb. 28	Mar. 2, 1941	High	Low	Close	Change
High	162.80	111.84	30	Industrials	1.97	122.06	121.3	121.88	11	off
Low	32.67	22.15	20	Rails	27.43	27.62	27.57	27.54	16	up
	26.45	18.03	20	Utilities	19.52	19.65	19.44	19.53	08	off
	32.19	33.06	40	Bonds	91.19	90.28	90.28	90.28	09	up
	64.07	48.47	11	Commodity Index	59.73	59.73	59.73	59.73	21	off

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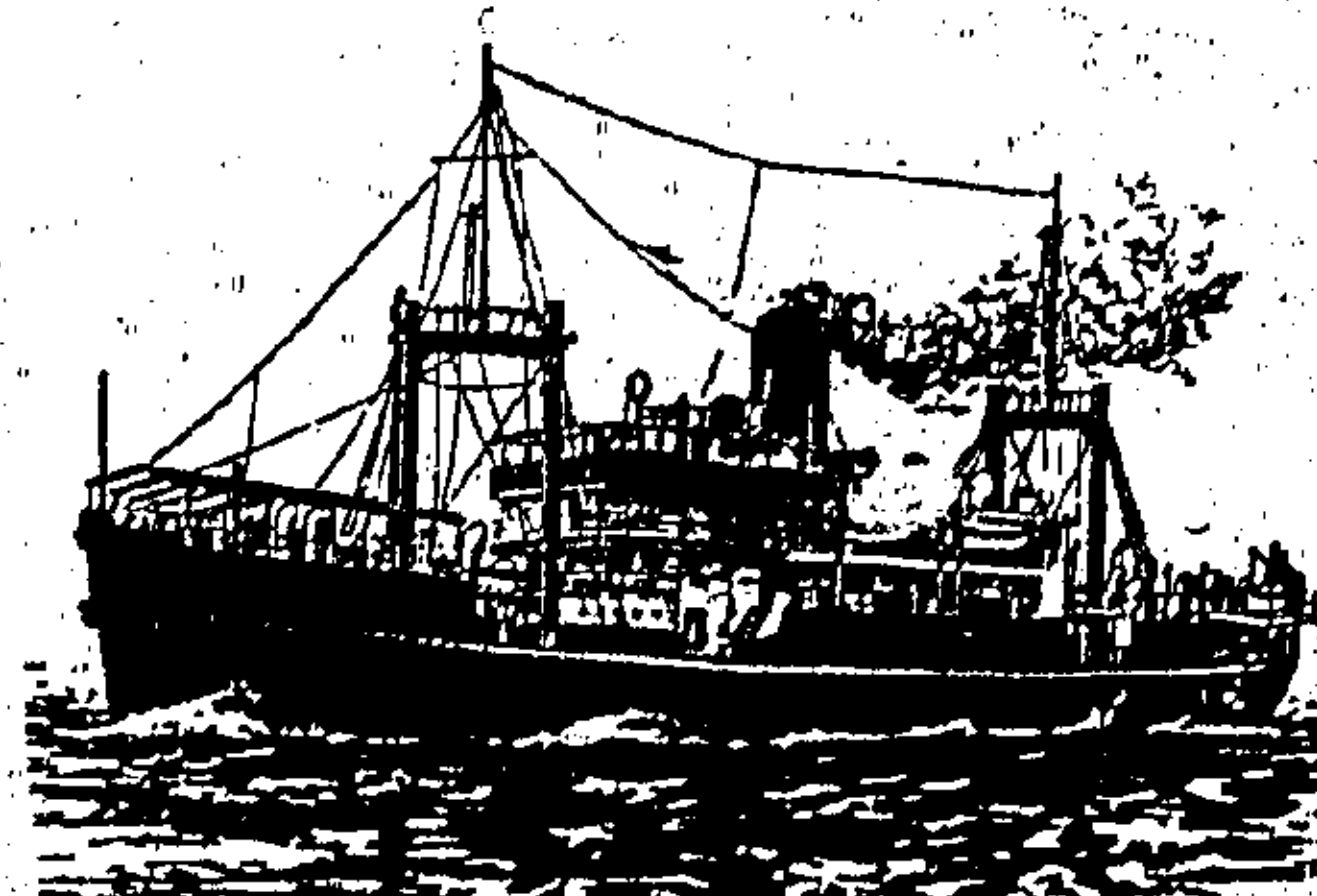
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MANCHESTER RAISES £300 FOR CHINA

As the result of a circular appeal, the Manchester District China Relief Campaign Committee has succeeded in raising more than £300 for the maintenance of British doctors sent to China.

This is regarded as a remarkable achievement in view of the fact that Manchester has recently been badly mauled by heavy German air raids.

The Committee expresses its continued good wishes for the Chinese people and reiterates its assurances that China's cause will always command Manchester's sympathy, admiration and support.

The Committee is also endeavouring to raise further sums for assisting the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives. The matter will be taken up directly with the Anglo-Chinese Co-operation Development Company. (Central News).

HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the Return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 48 hours ended at midnight on Mar. 2:— Cholera, two cases; Diphtheria, two cases; Enteric Fever, three cases; Measles, four cases; Chicken-Pox, two cases; Dysentery, five cases; Tuberculosis, 28 cases.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory
10 a.m. Mar. 3.
Barometer, (at sea level), 30.14 ins.
Temperature, 57 F.
Humidity, 88 per cent.
Wind Direction, E.
Wind Force (Beaufort) 5.
Temperature: maximum yesterday, 60 F.
Temperature: minimum last night, 54 F.
Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today 0.78 ins.
Total rainfall since January 1st 10.20 ins.
Against an average of 3.13 ins.
Sunset tonight, 6.28 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 6.42 a.m.
4 p.m. March 3.
Barometer, (at sea level), 30.06 ins.
Temperature, 55 F.
Humidity, 89 per cent.
Wind Direction, NNE.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 1.
Maximum temperature, 58 F.
Minimum temperature, 54 F.
Rainfall, 0.01 ins.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE
From 4 to 10 Mar. 1941.

Days of Month	Date of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Tues	4	h.m.	f.m.	h.m.	f.m.
		0037	4.7	0628	3.7
		1239	5.6	1937	3.9
Wed	5	0102	4.3	0644	3.1
		1315	5.6	2057	3.1
Thur	6	0205	3.9	0654	3.4
		1408	5.6	2237	2.9
Fri	7	0430	3.6	0652	3.5
		1514	5.7	2304	2.5
Sat	8	1637	5.0	—	—
Sun	9	0802	4.0	0748	2.0
		1743	5.2	1107	2.6
Mon	10	0907	4.3	0129	1.4
		1847	6.6	1923	3.6

Chungking Prepares For Bombing Season

Chungking is busily tightening all raid precautions for the bombing season which will soon set in with the lifting of winter fog. The important task is entrusted to the Chungking Air Raid Precautions Commission of which General Liu Shih, Chungking Garrison Commander, is Director.

The Commission has asked the Chungking Bureau of Public Health to take care of the wounded, the National Relief Commission to be responsible for emergency relief work, and the Chungking Bureau of Public Works and the Chungking Police Bureau to take care of fire-fighting and clearing of bombed areas. Public utility companies are taking measures to ensure uninterrupted services.

The Police Bureau is registering the populace in preparation for the evacuation of civilians whose presence in the wartime capital is not essential. Domicile permits will be issued to those who have to remain in Chungking because of their work or business connections. Children under 13 years old will wear wood tags bearing their names and addresses for identification.

REFUSED PERMITS

About 200,000 civilians whose residence in Chungking is considered unnecessary will be refused domicile permits this year as the authorities are determined to reduce the city's present population by one-third or one-half. Plans for shipping these evacuees to productive outlying districts have been completed. Ten districts near Chungking are expected to accommodate between 10,000 and 40,000 evacuees each, according to their size and production of staple food.

Meanwhile, the Chungking Air Defence Headquarters is building more and better dugouts. The

ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION COMMISSION

Kiangsu province, with its northern part under Japanese control, is planning large-scale economic projects for its free south in 1941. First step was taken today when the Provincial Government decided to establish an Economic Reconstruction Commission, under which all economic planning and projects will henceforth be centralized.

Headed by Governor Hsiung Shih-hui, the new Commission will be composed of 28 members, majority of them to be selected from among experts. (Central News)

FUKIEN UNION UNIVERSITY

The Fukien Union University celebrated the 25th anniversary of its founding when a \$1,000,000 endowment fund campaign was launched. Of the amount \$800,000 has already been raised.

Among the notables present at the celebration was General Chen Yi, Chairman of the Fukien Provincial Government, who donated \$120,000 as a sinking fund for 40 scholarships annually.

The University was removed from Foochow to an undisclosed place in north Fukien after the outbreak of the war. It has now more than 300 students. (Central News).

The National Government is encouraging the export of hog bristles.

The Trade Commission under the Ministry of Finance has increased the prices of black and white hog bristles in order to purchase large quantities for export. (Central News).

Executive Yuan recently passed a resolution to increase the dugout appropriation of the city. More signal posts will be put up in the city and suburbs and more water reservoirs will be maintained. The air raid intelligence will be improved upon. (Central News).

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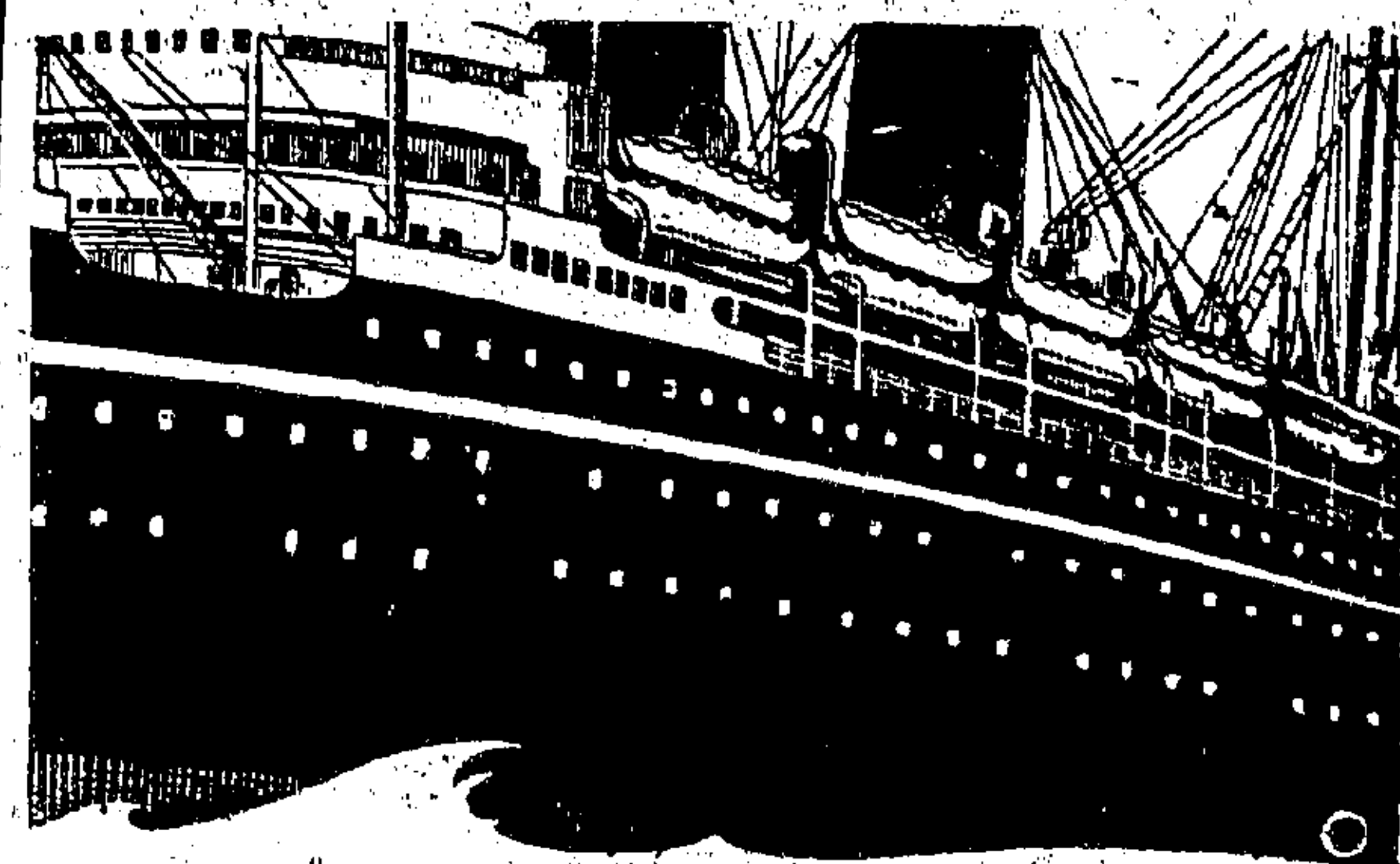
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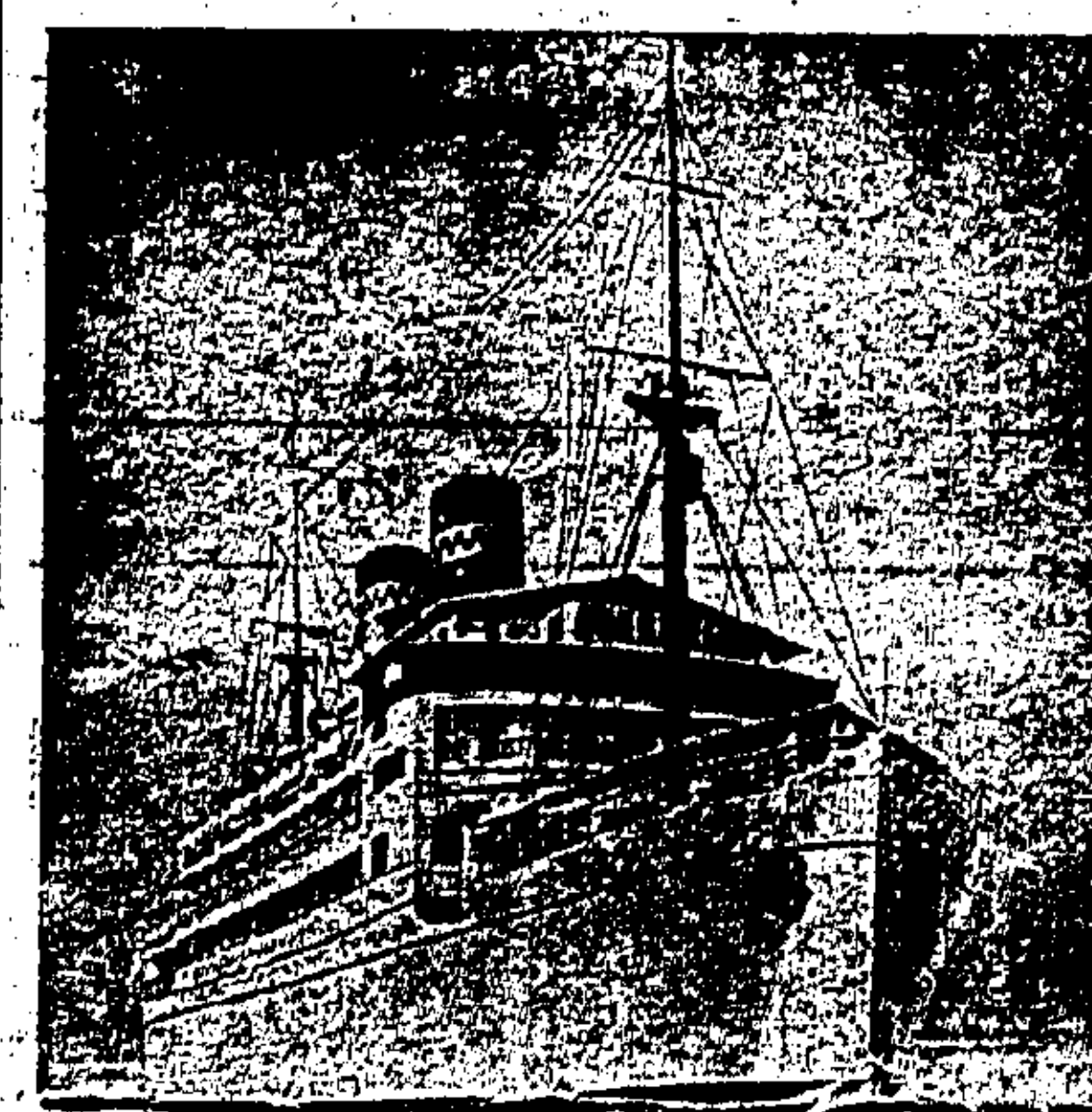
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